THE RANDOM VESSEL DIOTIMA

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"나는 함장으로 온 나머 준이예요"

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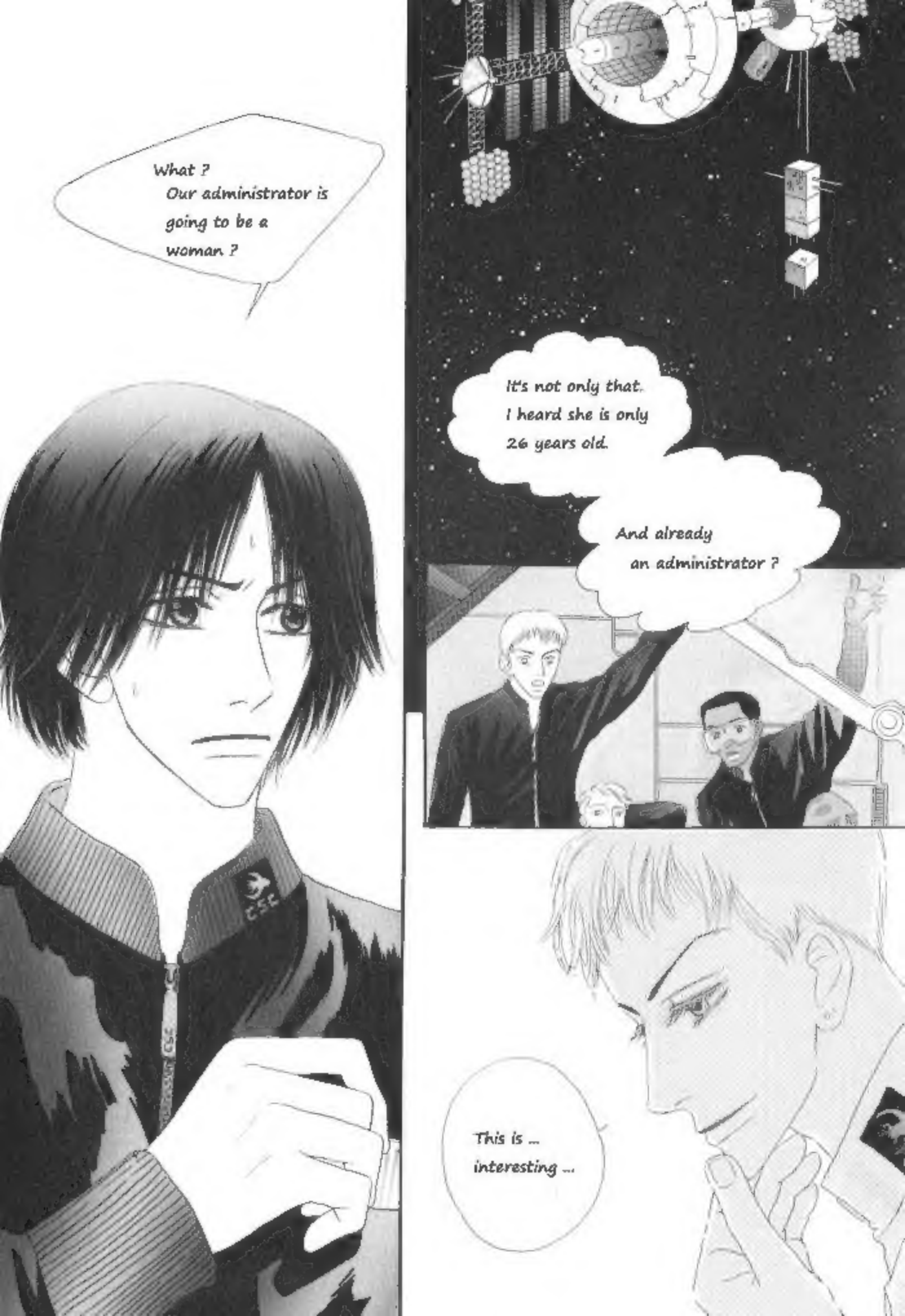
What ?
Our administrator is going to be a woman ?
It's not only that. I heard she is only 26 years old.
And already an administrator ?
This is ... interesting ...

Of course not ! It is impossible to reach such a rank by normal means.
Hold on a sec. Just how many points did she earn per year ?
She seems really fishy.
I saw that she ranked up every two years.
Well, I guess she is capable !
Besides, isn't the vice administrator 25 ?
Isn't that a little weird. too ?
They are jealous.
... Like that, they started to badmouth me as well in addition.
It's not like I am happy about my position. It's bad enough to be assigned to some strange space station.
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click

Found it, Jion !
Found our new administrator's records !
자음 기록부에 나와 있었어
Where ?
어떤 인간인지 얼굴이나 좀 보자
What's this?
Not even a picture ?
There is only her birthday !
And what kind of background is this ? It's so simple !
이따위 신상기록은 첨 봤다
I think her profile is passworded.
Who the hell is she ? This is getting suspicious.
Let's check ours.
Hey, this is yours.
!
What ... what the ?! Why does mine say even about my fish allergies ?!
Why does mine have so much details ?!
...

Hobby is writing an essay ?
Speciality is ... explosive experiments ?
...
Damn it ! Let's see yours then !
Dr.
...
Hobby is counting money ...
Speciality is .. saving ?
Current time is spacetime 10. Exactly 30 minutes later, the welcome ceremony will begin.
To everyone, please come to the main auditorium.

Vice captain,
Jion Hodgenplov,
Jion Hodgenplov -
Can't I ...
modify this ?
취미는 연구
특기는 해부실험으로
바꾸면 ...
Click
Click

Please come to the
bridge.
Hey, Myu,
I am going to
get going.

Please wear the
formal uniform
and also do not
forget your hat.

At the left side of
the auditorium,
there will be seats
for families.
Please bring your
family card.
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She is not here yet ? What do you mean ?
Her shuttle docked 30 minutes ago.
This is the to-do list for the ceremony. Please check.
A half hour ago ? She should be here by now.
Did you call the docking bay ?
Who was in charge ?
Chief engineer Van Doren.
Late already on her first day of work ?
I am not liking this at all.
CSC
Unable to contact ?
Did he get stuck in an elevator or something ?
Van Doren, what took you so long ?
CSC
Ah, there he is.

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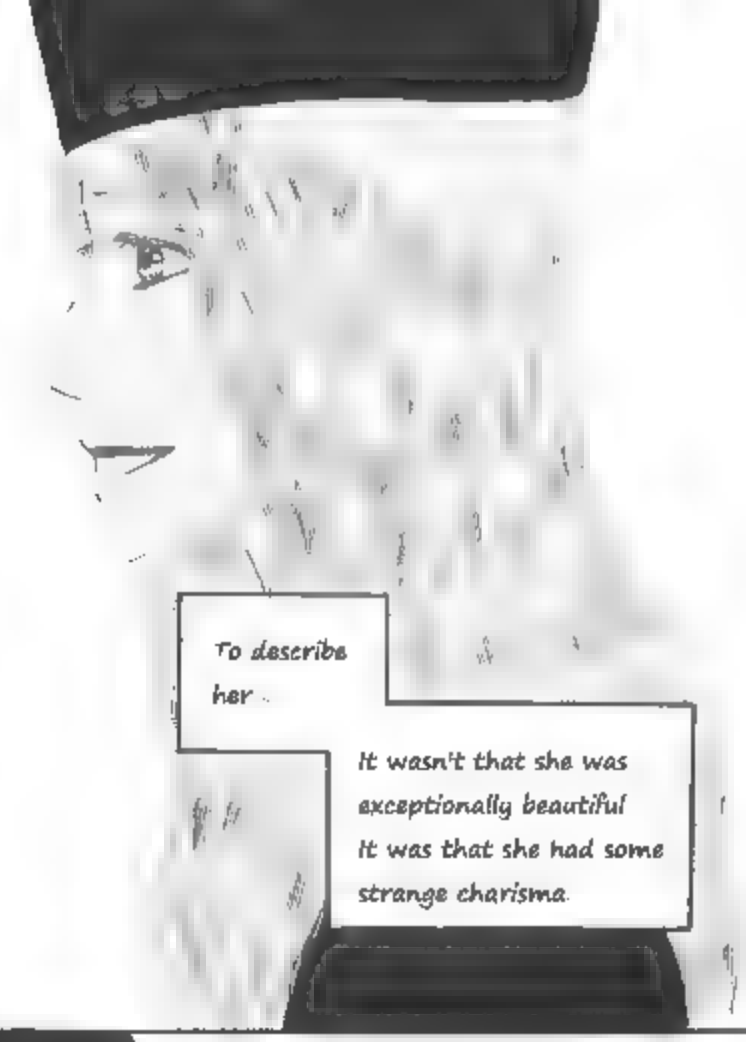
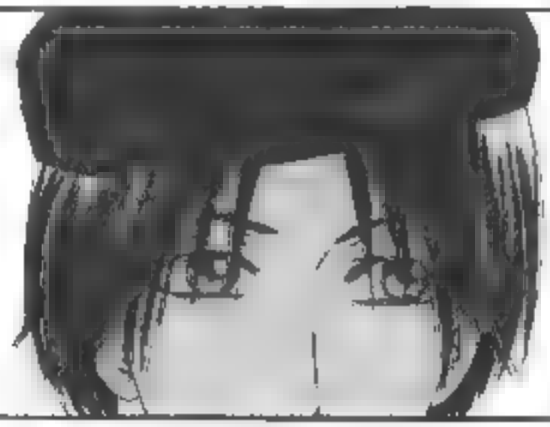
Van Doren,
what happe...
ened
This is vice
administrator,
Jion Hodgenplov
Ahah,
nice to meet
you, vice
administrator
Jion.

I am the captain, Namer Joon.
Nice to meet you.
It was such a nice voice.
And she had such nice brown eyes.

제1화 제멋대로 함장 나머 준
She referred herself as a captain rather than an administrator
That was my first meeting with captain Zoon, and I've never forgotten about that encounter

Just because one has stunning beauty
It does not mean one will earn others' respect





She had an aura that none of us could deny.

Her aura forced us to obey her at all cost.

She had a strange charm.
Most of time, Diotima will stay within the lagrange point.
That face does not belong here.
Thus vessel is capable of supplying its own energy
for orbiting at 12.000km/s speed.
David, she looks charming.
Indeed, I can work for someone like her
Did they choose her by face?
Theoretical speed of Diotima is ...
540km/s
Considering that Hyperion 3 has reached 20% of lightspeed, it isn't that fast

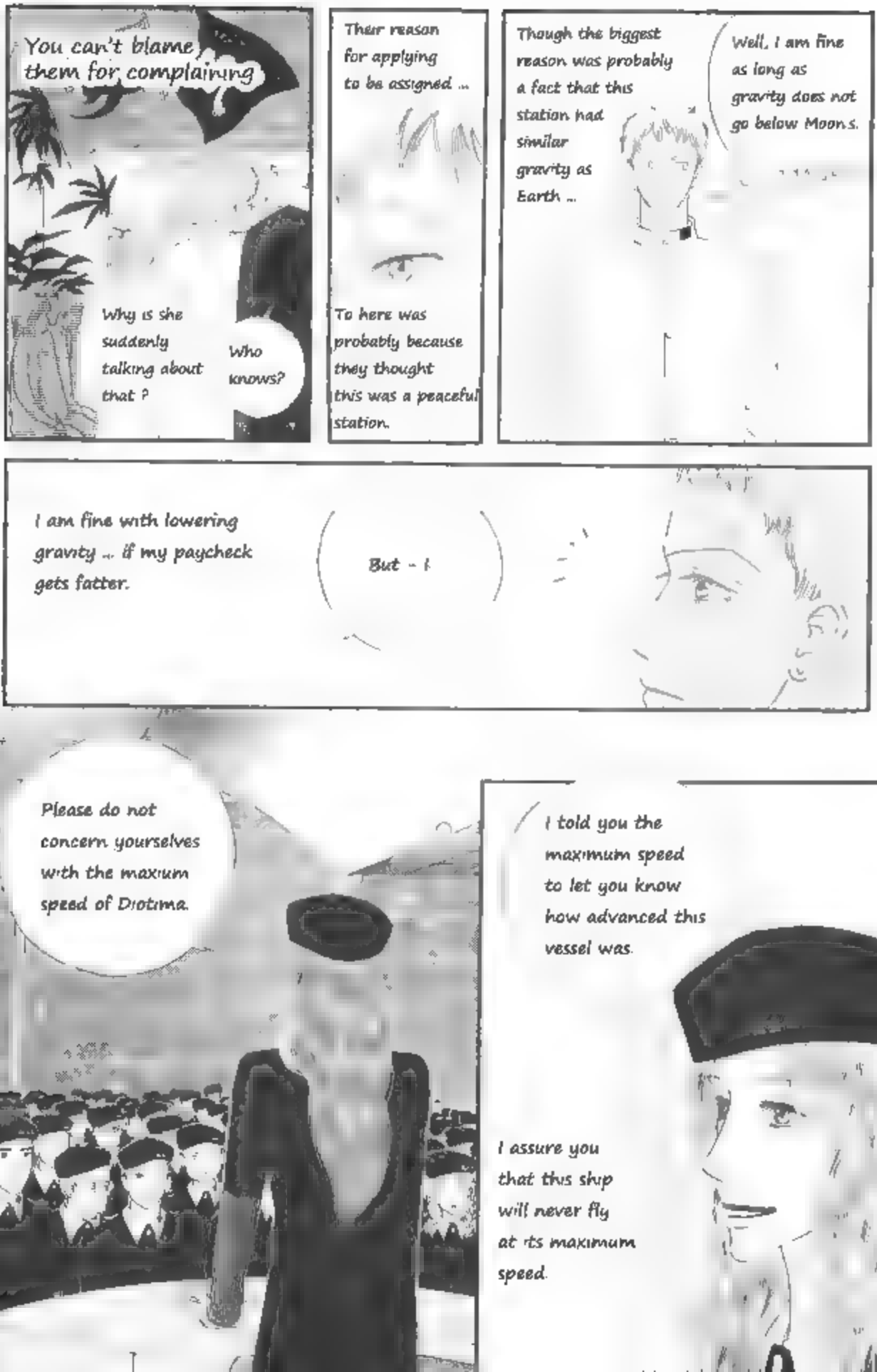
However, with that ability, Diotima shouldn't be called a space station.
What ?
That is also why
Diotima will likely be the first spaceship.
Did she just say 540km/s

W, wait ...
I was never told any of this !
First of all...,
a vessel ?!
No, wait, before that ..., 540km/s ?
Why does this station have that ability in the first place ?

The hull will collapse even before reaching that speed !
High speed bullet goes barely above 1km/s ..
and she is talking about 540km/s ?

Everyone is worried.
I thought this was a station ?
She said it was a vessel

540km/s
Crazy indeed.
Everyone will die in an instant


You can't blame them for complaining
Why is she suddenly talking about that ?
Who knows?
Their reason for applying to be assigned ...
To here was probably because they thought this was a peaceful station.
Though the biggest reason was probably a fact that this station had similar gravity as Earth ...
Well, I am fine as long as gravity does not go below Moon's.
I am fine with lowering gravity ... if my paycheck gets fatter.
But - I
Please do not concern yourselves with the maxium speed of Diotima.
I told you the maximum speed to let you know how advanced this vessel was.
I assure you that this ship will never fly at its maximum speed.

Our primary task is –
As you are well aware –
Collecting space debris –
And doing a station's tasks, such as maintaining satellites.
And rescuing small space shuttles.
IOTIMA COSMO SPACE
Living in space carries its own dangers.
However, as long as you are true to your duties,
I believe your life in space can become quite rewarding.
ESC
at Lagrang
1.0RPM

Come to think of it now, her speech was ordinaty.
However, I could not deny that her speech was convincing.
They started to trust our new captain due to her words which had no backing facts or whatsoever.
Our dream was broken only after a week.

Not by others, but by our captain, herself

A week later
Captain !
Captain Joon !
Please come to the bridge if you are listening to this !
There goes again ..
He sounds pretty pissed
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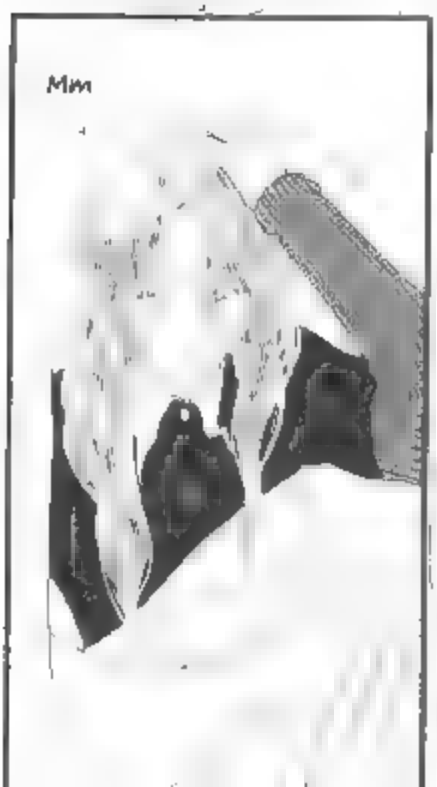
Hey, Myu !
inpatients' ward
Captain's here, isn't she !

Medical Center
the internal medicine department
No wonder I couldn't find her anywhere !

Do you have any idea how long I've been looking for her ?! She hasn't shown up at all today !


Mm

Calm down, Jion. She's been here for only an hour.
She looked really tired, so .

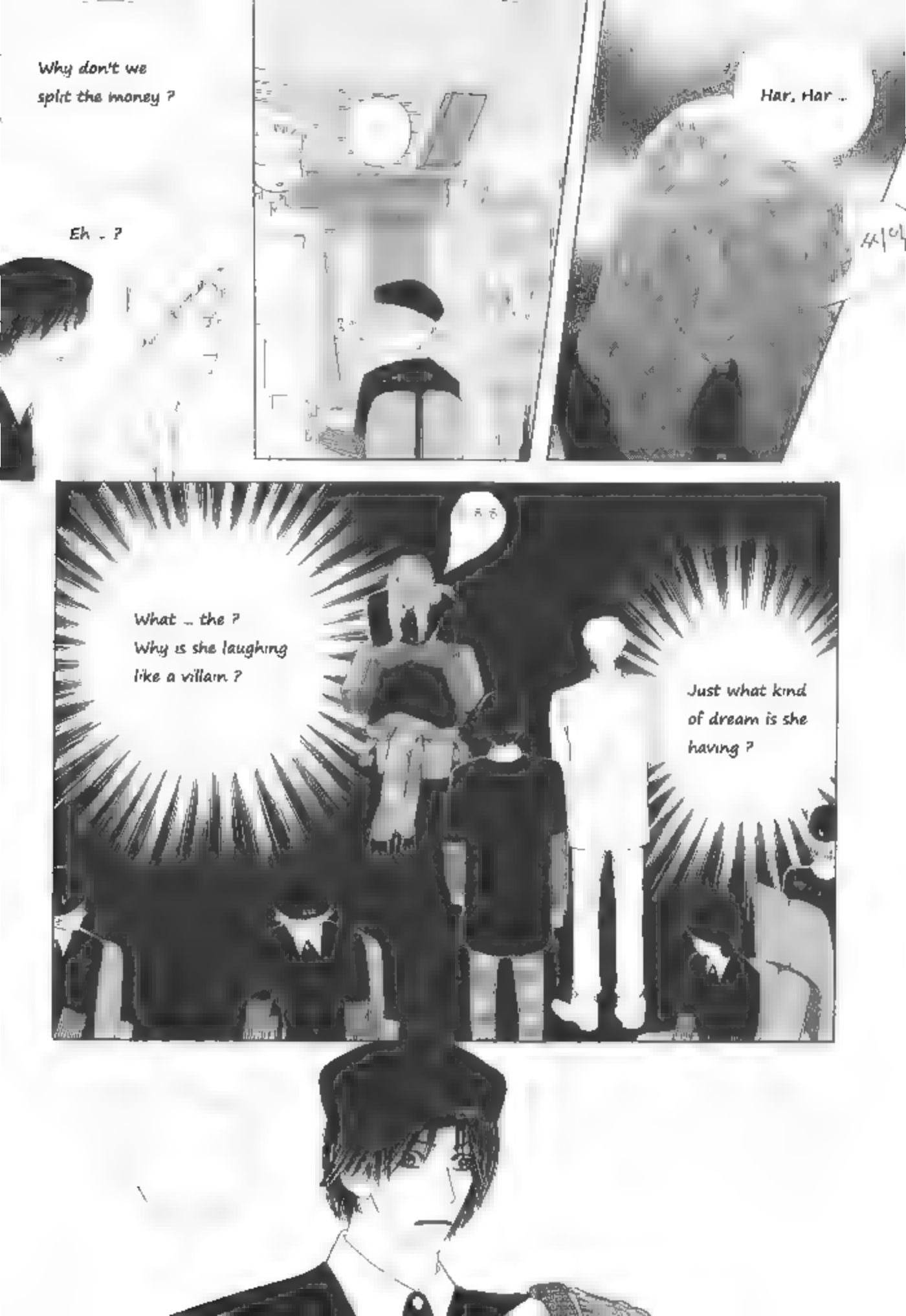
Is she in the bed here ?

Captain, what are you doing here ...
What's going on here ?!
Can't you see? Scratching my leg
"Scratching my legs"
"Scratching my legs"
"Scratching my legs"
Only if she didn't scratch her leg like that ..
Ahah ... ! Where has her innocent image gone to ?!

From the very first day .
Come to think of it ... This isn't the first time !
My socks were too tight.
Ah
Why don't we have a meal together soon ?
Yes, we should do that to get to know each other better
Captain, you, too ?
Certainly.
They should allow beer for at least a day like this.
That's wishful thinking.
We have... about 20 min until dinner
Captain ...

... She is sleeping ?
I am sure she is tired from all events she had to go through to get here.
Excuse me, I need to change schedule for checkup tomorrow.
Dr
Repair team said they can't do it on 10am.
I was hoping you guys do it on 10am instead.
10 ?
Why ?
They siad they needed to check air pressure de..
드르렁
드렁
피융
She is snoring ?

Ah... yes. , women do snore.
I can't believe I was startled by her snoring!
Women go to washroom and fart, you know.
Well, I did used to have some sort of fantasy about women one t me.
How old was I back then ?
Hey !
I will fight you !
자... 잠꼬대?
Talking in a dream , right ? Probably
But "I will fight you" is a litt e


Why don't we split the money ?
Eh . ?
Har, Har ..
What .. the ? Why is she laughing like a villain ?
Just what kind of dream is she having ?

It's... time for dinner
Captain, please wake up. Captain Joon.
Hmm ..
Yeah ..
I like that red Vacuum cleaner better
What .. Does that have something to do with her dream a moment ago ? What's with her anyway ?
Eh?

Oops ..., I fell asleep again
Again ?
I've had a really bad feeling since then
Oh, and that was a gag !
Jion is going to have a hard time from now on.
Yes! That's how it all began !
... is that so.
She sent her nice image to the other end of the universe!

Damn it !
I swear I will scold this lazy woman for her laziness today !
Captain, if you are going to sleep, from now on please use your own quarter
I don't want to.
Sleeping on my bed would mean I am not working.
I want my full paycheck, so I must not leave my work area.
7602,5BL
7604,5BL
7602BLB
Anyway, Jion, why were you looking for me?
Ah
An emergency S.O.S has been received
NEW HOTOL
9km/s
2074-ØÆ
7604BLC
A small space shuttle that lost control right before entering Earth's orbit.

74 New Hotel? Really an old model.
It is currently registered as personal freighter.
Hey, hey, go to the bridge. This is a medical center
So, why don't we rescue them ?
A team was already sent out. They are to return in 2 hours.
Okay, I will patrol the ship. That will kill some time.
What's with that react on?!
이 상하잖아!
Why in the world did they put a person like her in charge of this newest station ?!
Hey ...
This is the first rescue operation ever since 자연 D otima went online !

How many onboard by the way ?
It says 3 here .
I mean actual passengers.
Personal space shuttles have often different passenger numbers.
Look, Jion
Six are onboard.
Hotol is designed for eight people maximum, so they should have reported honestly
But they chose not to register the other 3
It means the other 3 are illegal to be there

They have people who shouldn't be there.
No need
No need
I will report to the police right away ...
When a call like this comes in, it goes to the police as well.
If they want to investigate, they will send their own team.
Anywa, when it docks with the station, check for any possible accidents it might have had.
Make a record of it. Insurance company might ask for it.

Also in case they are suffering from zero gravity illness, be prepared.
Also slow down external elevator they are going to use.
Ah -
It's not that I don't trust you guys.
I just thought that this might be your first rescue operation. Just some friendly advices, that's all.
I am going.

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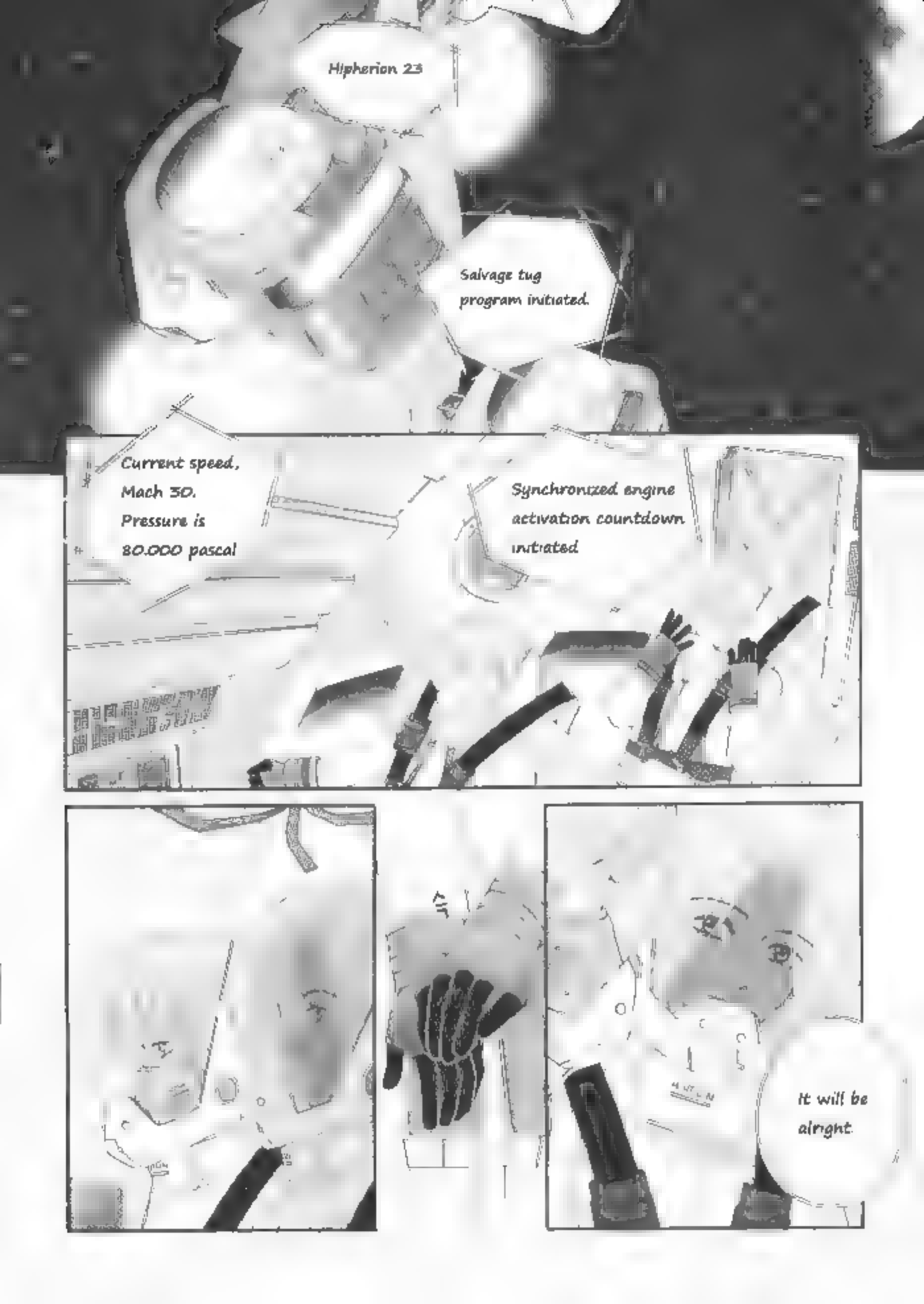
Well, that was ...
Shocking.
She did sound like she did a lot of this
They are wearing "we are newbie" sash
... Mm, yeah.
And, for the first time, -
I felt that they might really have a valid reason for sending her here. Though I don't want to admit -

제2화 달의 뒷면
The other side of Moon


Hiperion 23
Salvage tug program initiated.
Current speed, Mach 30. Pressure is 80.000 pascal
Synchronized engine activation countdown initiated
It will be alright.

Captain Joon !
They will return by 5: 40.

The shuttle is too old to sustain pressure. Mach 30 is their maximum speed, I am told.
That's awfully late. Is something wrong ?

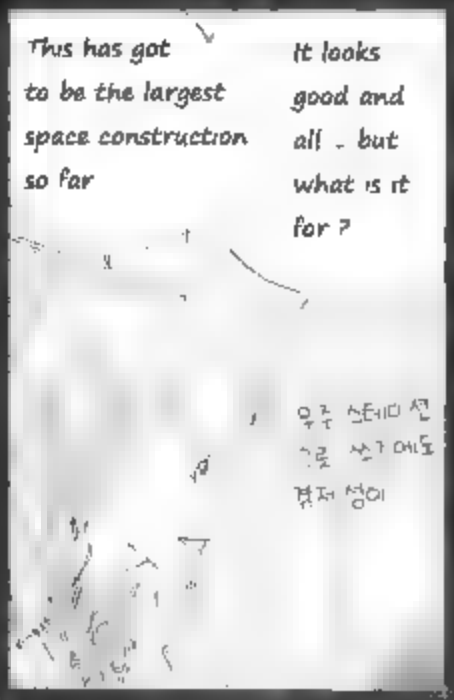
Their space suits are EX-823 by Hexitilin.
Good to hear That suit can last 10 hours.
New Hotal is experiencing failures in pressure control. Its pascal is 80.000.
Did you retrieve passenger list ?
Their ship sucks, but their suits are the best ones on market.
But passengers are wearing space suits, so they are fine.
Three pilots were registered, but the other three
We requested ID verification from Moon not long ago.
I guess all of them need to be sent to low-gravity area.
Yes, medics are preparing so.
CSC
Okay.
Can you get me vice captain ?
He is here right now.
Sir ! It's captain.

Captain, this is Jion.
Ah, Jion
After I am done patrolling, can we meet in the low-gravity area?
About 2 hours later
Yes ?
Low ... gravity area?
Why? Don't want to ?
It's... fine.
See you there soon. Come to the tech room.
Yes
I hate low gravity area ..
Anyway, it's been almost a week since I've come here
I thought he was those who didn't like low-gravity.

It has been 26 years since my last visit to space
I may not be able to gain anything at all this time though
RPM
atm
It will have the same gravity as Earth.
The same as Earth ?
Yes, diameter is 2km, and it will orbit Earth once every one minute.
It has been designed so that it will have the same gravity as Earth
It will take 6 years to build this. ETA should be around 2092.

This has got to be the largest space construction so far

It looks good and all - but what is it for ?



It is a gift for you from us.

This vessel has been designed by us, brothers, for past 20 years.

Please accept it

This vessel, Diotima -

Will be yours and yours only.

I .. did not seek you out to receive a gift ...
I do not think it is too much of a gift, Dio.. Namer Joon
Recall what you've done to us to save us.
But I've come back alive.
That is why !
That is why we lived on and waited for your return.
Go ahead, Suka ! Now is the time !
In 20 minutes, it will be out of orbit !
We were hoping you'd survive and come back to us.
Please !

I promise, Suka !
20 years !
I will find you after 20 years !
Now go ! Think about only survival for now !
We trusted you back then.
And that is why we were able to leave you in that .. hell ..
Survive, Suka !
Probably
You wouldn t know
What I was thinking when I saved you two

I don't think I saved you because I cared for you two
I think I was simply too used to concept of death
So, don't look at me like that !
Phew.
Still here I am. Maybe, I am just too weak to let go of a good chance.

Ah, wait ! I think I saw her here even yesterday.
I think she is completly lose in this 3D image. I guess she likes it?
Well, this does look like the real space. Technology has certainly advanced a lot
Ah, she looked right into my eyes.

I was ignored completely .. ?
That makes feel kinda sad ..
H.. Hello ?
Hey, Myu, where are you going ?
Yo, Jion.
Hey, dude, look how you are dressed. Where are you going ?
MEDICAL
Isn't that obvious. I am going to the low gravity area.
Remember ? I belong to the medic team. There is too much labor.

Are you alright ?
Huh ?
To be honest ... my grade regarding low gravity adaption is very low.
Don't tell me you failed on the test ?
I did pass.
So, what's the problem ?
After an hour or so ...
I always throw up.
That happens to a lot of people.
How about you ?
Since you are a doc, you have to spend a lot of time in low gravity.
Me? I am fine.
I lived on Moon for 2 months when I was a kid.

Eh ? Really ?
Besides, I think my body likes low gravity naturally.
Wow, amazing !
Seems to mean it really.
Well, this is what makes him cute.
I wonder how the captain is.
Huh?
It was the captain who asked me to meet in the low-gravity area.
So what ?
If she does okay and I don't, that will be ... embarrassing.

I get it.

So, since you are bad at it, you want her to be bad, too, eh.

But don't expect that to happen.

What do you think she does everyday as a captain ?

Sleeping and ... patrolling.

That's all she does.

... And she leaves everything else to me ... all kind of small chores ...

Man, "nice captain" may sound nice, but it's so much work.

You know, patrolling is easier to be said than done.

It's not an easy job.

She patrols the entire ship every 4 days.
When I say "entire", I do mean it. She goes to the low- gravity,
, near-zero-gravity area, and to even solar panel controller room with zero gravity.
CSC center
Do you know how much stamina it would take to do that every 4 days ?
It's not just as simple as it sounds .
Is that why ..
She sleeps everywhere everytime ?
That's why she falls asleep everytime she sits ?
No way .., that 말다면 means I've misunderstood the captain big time !
I am a hard working person.

Ahah, Captain ! I apologize that I've been thinking of you as a lzay 속 fool ! 래 욕한 것 I am sorry ! 내! I am so sorry !
Come to think about it I am the useless one since I can't even get used to low gravity
Yes, I am the useless one !
What is it, Jion ?
Are you not feeling well ?
Ah .., no, ma'am.
This area will be opening soon.
Luna sea ?
From this area, there is no air controller, so make sure that your air supply works.
csc
101

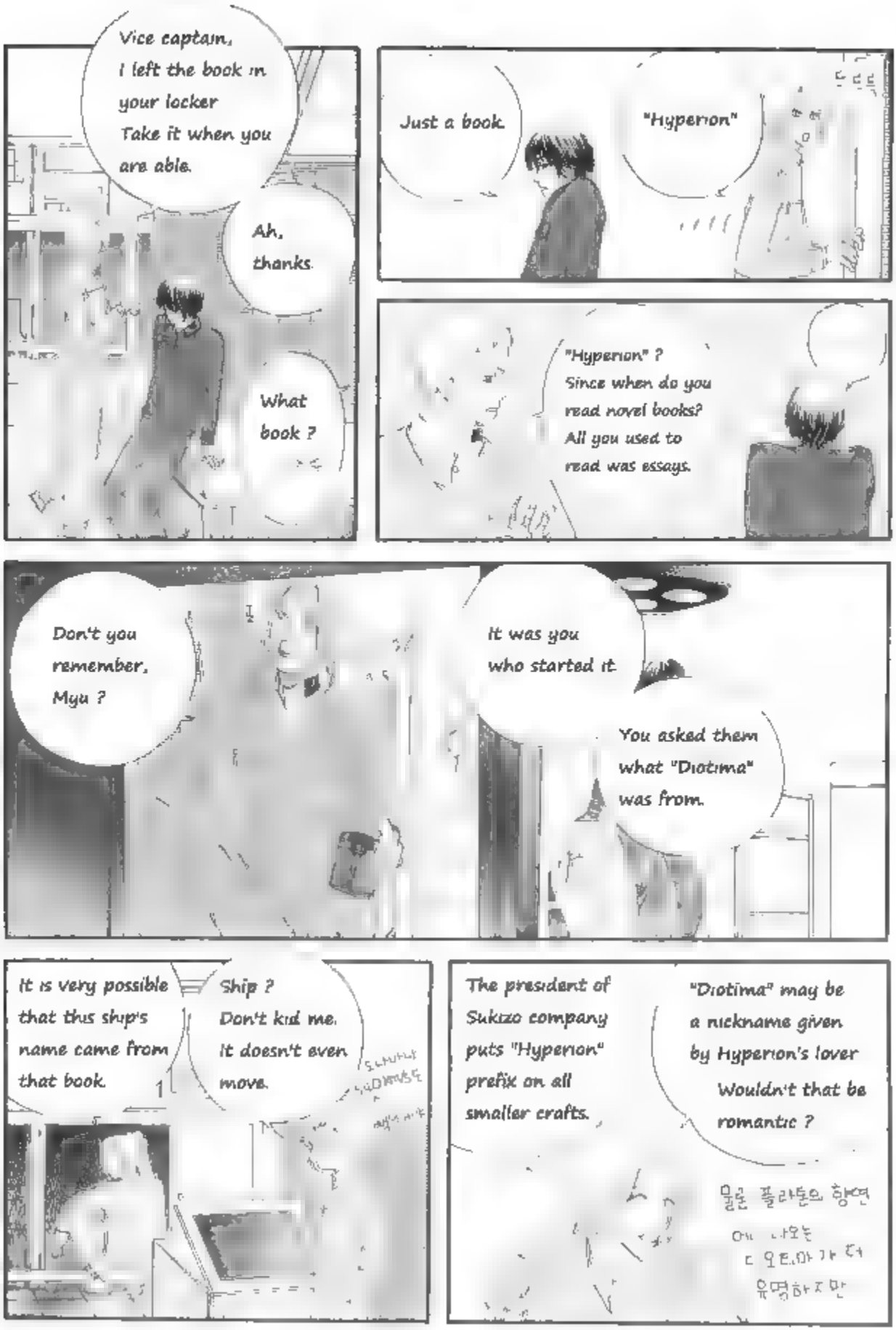
It's dark, and no movement of air at all
Haven't you been here before ?
No ..
In order to conserve energy, we've cut powers to air filters in low gravity area
.. You come here evertime you are on patrol ?
Yes, every 2 days.
Aren't you scared ?
Why ?
It's dark and no one comes here at all
And that's why I have to be scared?
Well.. , normally some would get scared of .. ghosts or something.

Jion ... do you think there are ghosts in space ?
Probably there are as long as there are people in space.
You know ... ghosts fly even when it don't have wings and propulsion systems.
Does that mean ... gravity does not effect them ?
(Serious)
진지
Um ..
Why are we talking about this?!
No matter what it may be, gravity has to effect them even a little.
It is likely true. I mean strong gravity can even bend space.
That means..
.. Do you think ghosts can leave Earth ?

Ghosts leaving Earth ?
They would have to fly out of Earth at 8km/s Do they have ?. ?
I don't think they can .. , no, they cannot.
In my opinion, I think ghosts also have to use some kind of air craft to get here.
And those who pass away in space will become space ghosts !
Amazing, that is a nice theory I have !
I wonder those space ghosts ..
Yes ?
Would they want to return to Earth ?

Oh, captain and vice captain, welcome.
We are going to let the police talk to them after they pass our medical tests.
Vice captain
You can take off the helmet now
Ah!
CSC
And this is the chief of accident simulation.
Paul Holgan.

Nice to meet you, Mr Holgan.
Ah
You are as pretty as people said you were !
They talk about you a lot.
Hehehe, Mr Holgan, come on. Stop.
No, I really mean it ! If I were just 10 years younger, I would have proposed right here right now
If I knew someone like you'd be the captain here, I'd have applied for this vessel !
How direct ..
Bordered a little.
Oh, Jion, you are here. Where is the captain ?
Outside, greeting the chief of acccident simulation.
You are not greeting him ?
No, because he is not pretty.


Vice captain,
I left the book in
your locker
Take it when you
are able.
Ah,
thanks.
What
book ?
Just a book.
"Hyperion"
"Hyperion" ?
Since when do you
read novel books?
All you used to
read was essays.
Don't you
remember,
Myu ?
It was you
who started it.
You asked them
what "Diotima"
was from.
It is very possible
that this ship's
name came from
that book.
Ship ?
Don't kid me.
It doesn't even
move.
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The president of
Sukizo company
puts "Hyperion"
prefix on all
smaller crafts.
"Diotima" may be
a nickname given
by Hyperion's lover
Wouldn't that be
romantic ?

Anyway,
If "Diotima" was given to this station merely because ..
That is likely not the reason !
Jan Jones
Ah, I didn't greet you.
I am Paul Holgan.
Nice to meet you..
Are you saying ... ! Mr Holgan, you mean you know the conspiracy behind the ship's name ?
It's not a ship.
conspiracy
As far as I know ..
Do you know the crush of Moon satellite on 2066?

The crush landing on 2066 ?
Where the genious brothers and Sukizo president survived miraculously.
I heard that he became scared of space travel since then.
Yes !
Yes, that is the one !
The one with the genious brothers !
But ... it happened even before I was born, so I don't know much.
So, what about it?
Oh, man - time passed a lot surely
Even before he was born?
Well, it's 2092 now, so that makes 26 years.
Hah, time flis ...really.

It was pretty big news at that time.
The genius brothers who were getting the world's attention.
survived from what was almost impossible to survive from.
The satellite burnt during the fall and sunk into the pacific sea.
There were 12 passengers in that craft. Only the genius brothers survived.
The younger brother, Louis, broke his spine but survived.
They used an emergency capsule to enter the orbit

An emergency capsule entering orbit properly ejected from a falling satellite?
Was it possible back then ?
The Satellite was the company's newest one.
I was in Hextilin simulation team, so I know about it well.
AH !
I know. I am just gonna have it in my mouth.
Someone must have controlled the capsule from the satellite.
Someone placed the brothers in the capsule.
And someone was left behind in the satellite.
According to numerous simulations, the satellite's main computer would haven down completely.
If there was anyone who was able to manipulate falling satellite to eject the capsule at the precise moment ..
In order to make it naturally enter the orbit ...

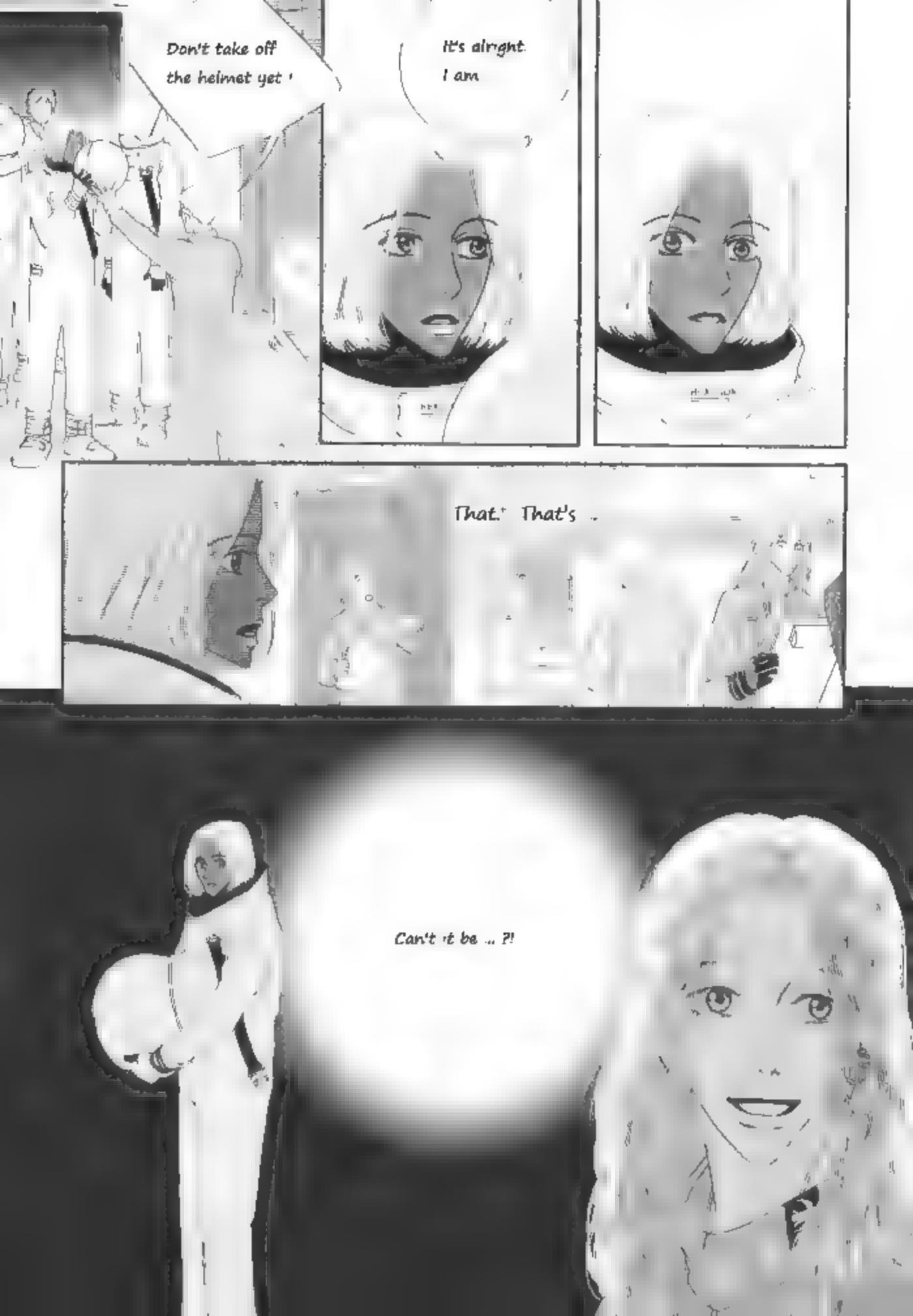
It would have been Drotima.
Dro -
ti -
ma
Yes, yes ..
Wait, are you saying this person, Drotima, who saved the brothers was killed in the satellite ?
Likely so.
So, just to save those brothers, she sacrificed herself ..
It's not a she. It was a he.
Eh ? But the name is a girl's ..
Yes, but it was a guy.

* The context says in early pages that the president of Hexitilin and the genius brothers survived from the satelite, but it also says "only the genius brothers survived"

The arrogent president listened to him very well
He was a good looking guy and had skills.
I've got it !
So, in order to recgonized the captain's sacrifice, the president of Hexitilin name
This ship after him?
Yes ..
I'd like to think so ..
The captain, Diotima .., what kind of person was he ?
I don't know.

Don't know .. ?
Nope.
I think I can tell personalities very well... but
How should I put this .
He was a very mysterious guy .
Why couldn't he just say that he couldn't figure out ?
They are here !
Get ready !

One of the female passengers is experiencing oxygen poisoning !
Get her to an air-controlled room and cleanse her lung !
But ..
I didn't think I'd see another person again
Hah, I see another one in my life.
?
No external wounds, but she is in shock !
There are the rest of passengers.


Don't take off the helmet yet !
It's alright I am
That.. That's ..
Can't it be .. ?!

Suka Genius (On left), Louis Genius (On right) in their younger days.
They were training for zero-gravity tasks.
Their training was planned for 14 months, and then they were planned to be aboard Moon exploration satellite Artemis.

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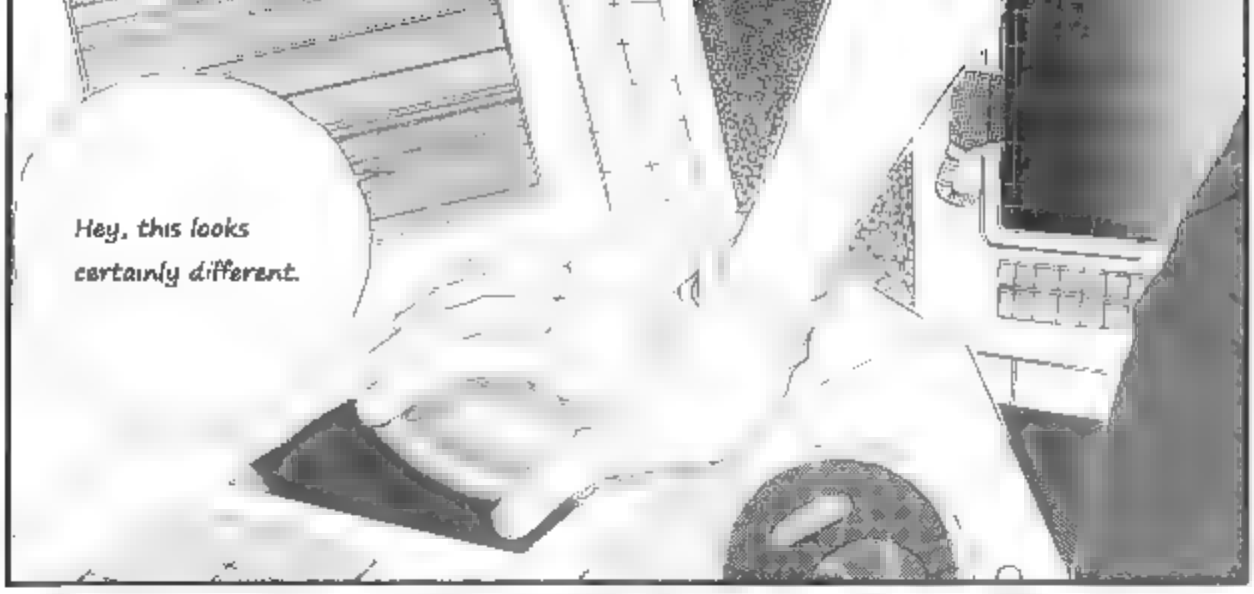
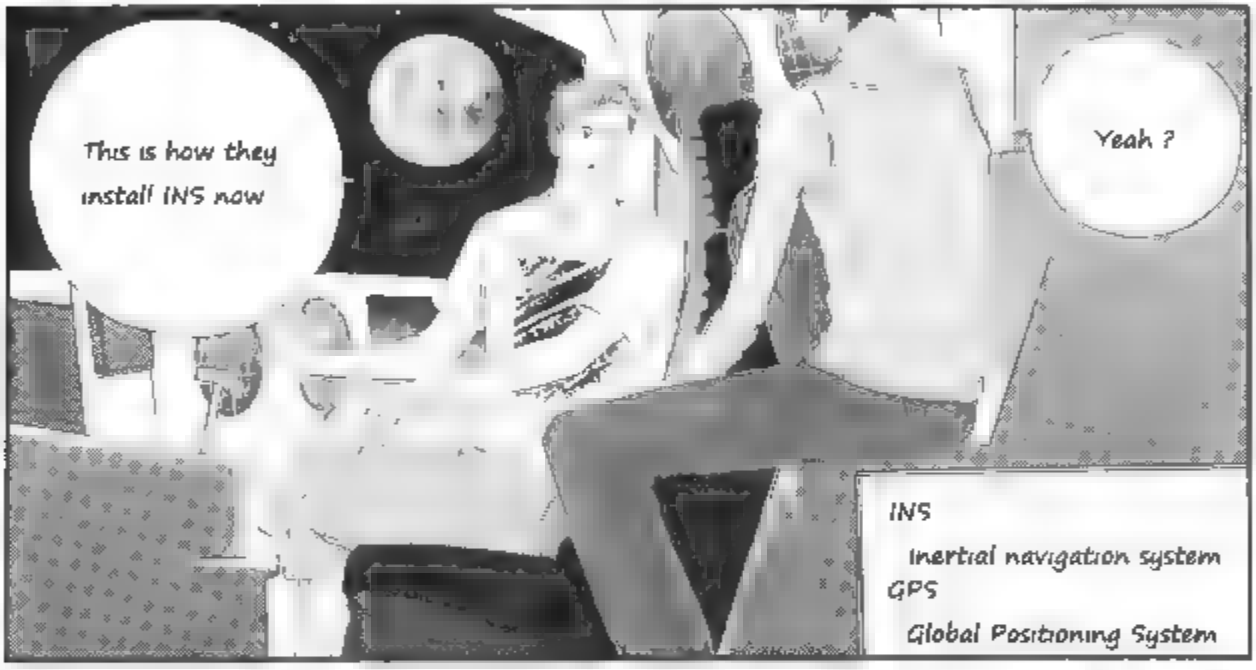
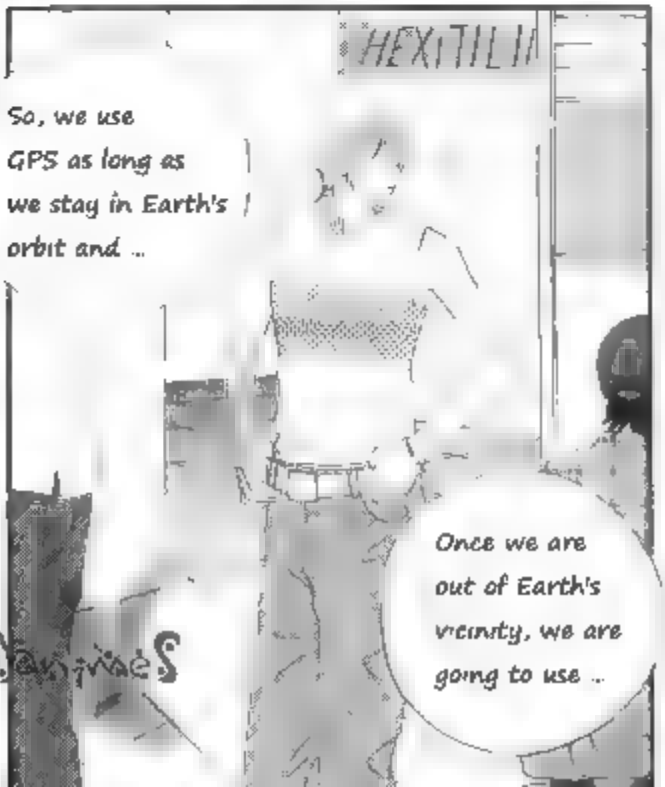

Hey, this looks certainly different.


This is how they install INS now
Yeah ?
INS
Inertial navigation system
GPS
Global Positioning System


So, we use GPS as long as we stay in Earth's orbit and ..
Once we are out of Earth's vicinity, we are going to use ..

Max, where is Diotima ?
I think he went to the screen controller simulation room.

Diotima !
Suka
Have you eatten yet ?
No, not yet
So, how was the underwater training ?
Argh !
It's boring as hell ! And I hate spacesuits !
NEXT
Oh, my
But still
It was better than zero gravity traning.
It will get better

And I have to do this for 6 more months !
Are you done yet ?
We are installing softwares.
I know you ate little during your lunch hour
Drotima, go eat something.
You think I should ?
Yes, come on
Thanks, Paul

Wow !
I will see the other side of Moon soon !
I am going to write down my name on surface as soon as I get there !
Woah ! You lost even more weight ! You are a living skeleton !
Hah
Have you been eating well ?
Of course ! You have no idea how well I eat !
Don't lie.
Mrs Mayson told me that she had never seen you in the cafeteria for a week.
Nay
Hahaha , I feel like I am in a court
If you were a woman,

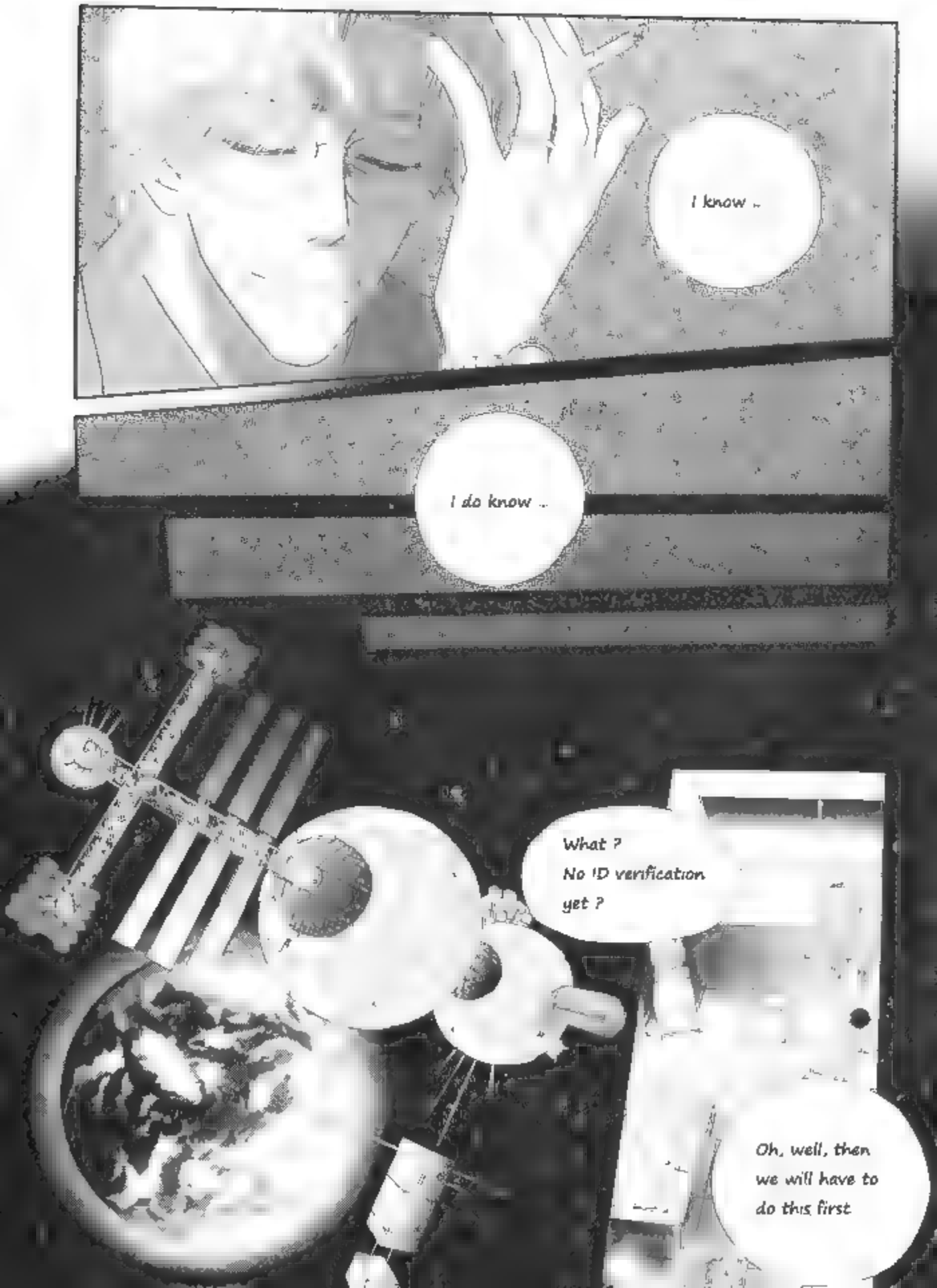
I would have proposed to you.
What ..
I am not kidding.
And I would become the best husband.
Doh, dude, you would never make a good husband when you don't listen to others!
Las Vegas for honeymoon.
Oh, yeah, why didn't you say hell to Paul earlier ?

You mean Paul Holgan ?
Why should I ? I have nothing to say to him.
Hey ! Lose your attitude!
Eeek
That is not something a 20 year-old should say.
Greeting is the foundation of human attitude ! Be a good boy, Suka.
Besides, Paul is in the same team.
Gah ! You speak like an old geezer!
Hey, I am old.
That's why you must come to me before it is too late !
Oh, I see.
Come over here You need a good beating.
와하하

Suka.
Louis !
ght
What were you thinking vacantly in such a gloomy room ?
Vacantly ?
I was serious.
Such as ?
I was thinking of adding few more frames to Drotima and make it agryroscope.
It sounded interesting.
See
Actually,
I am here to discuss Drotima.
It is going to lack energy once it turns on all other components.

So....
It's going to need 4 more solar panels ..
Argh !
I am soo going to have a huge fight to increase already over budget with the board ..
But it will be soon.
Soon they will start to realize importance of Diotima
I am positive that it will start to generate profit in 3 years !
I don't care about that
Diotima is hers.

Don't forget
Suka
Dretima you once
used to know ...
a dead


I know ..
I do know ..
What ?
No ID verification yet ?
Oh, well, then we will have to do this first

Next time we do this, get ID verifications of passenger list first before tugging.

We need to know their records.

Yes, this woman ...

I am sure, this is the person grand father told me!

Now ..., who are the pilots ?

Me

Me

Raise your hand ~

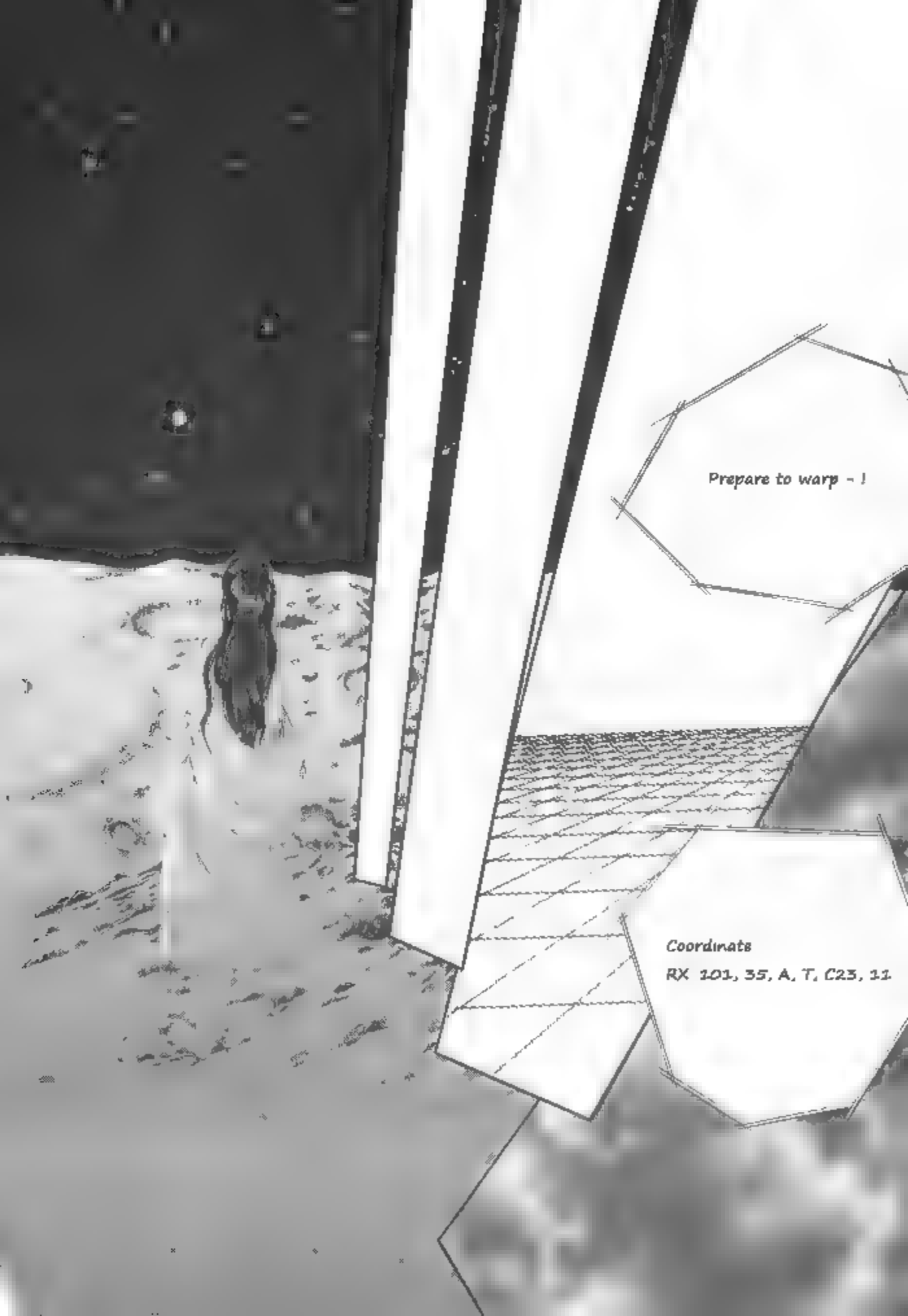
Me

So, I guess you two over there are the problematic passengers ?
We need to make a record, so would you please provide me your ID card ?
Now
Call my lawyer !
I am not talking until I am with my lawyer !
Eh ?
No, I am simply asking for your name.
Bring my lawyer !
What is going on, captain ?
Ah
I ain't going to answer anything !
Hexitilin sector code 28 ! Call Hexitilin and provide that code ! NOW !

Um ..
I am a moon human .
!
What ?!
A moon human ?!
Mr Dimitri, I wasn't told about this !
Are you out of your mind ?! Taking a moon human to Earth ?!
Were you trying to make us murderers ?!
Oh ~
I've got his name
Yes.
Your name?
Wait, talk to my lawyer !

Laterasa.
Interesting name ..
Put your hand on here.
Did you know that the shuttle was Earth bound ?
Damn you !
Please stop !
Ugh !
BAM
You almost made me a murderer !
Ack!
Don't ! This is low gravity area !

Meaning of my name is "Moon's the other side" in Moon people's slang.
Just as
This ship's name is "Evolving soul" ..


Prepare to warp - !
Coordinats
RX 101, 35, A, T, C23, 11

Now !
Charge mega laser cannons, and aim at their main fleet !
고오오
Fire !

Yahoo !
I won again !
AK alliance fleets were completely destroyed.
Emperess Joon's fleet is victorious against ...
Damn it ! I lost again !
Perfect victory !

No bridge crew can beat you now.
Amazing, captain! 8 victories !
Hehe..
Damn it ..., is there anything she is bad at ?
Her reflex wasn't normal when playing the game ..
Your choice of clothes was nice as well.
The dress raises my control ability.
My know-how ~
Ahan ~, let me try.

Let's try the fast pace mode.
Dr !
Waaaaa !
빰빰라빰
I cannot believe this !
Empress Joon's fleet was completely destroyed.
Alliance's victory !
I lost !
This cannot be !
This cannot be !

I've been practicing this game for a little over a week !
!
I played it until dawn everyday !
크흑
What ?
Does that mean
That ..
And this ..
Thus ..
So, it wasn't because she was tired from work
But it was because she was tired from playing games every night ?!
Woman ..

Who told you to play games with the ship's computers ...
Enough !
Ah, our work hour is over
By 5 minutes.
You were also playing it until a moment ago.
Whatever !
Oh, really. Look at the time

You are working until 22 today, right ?
Yes
What ?
Really ?
Ahah, I was going to have supper with you
One of today's menu is Lasagna.
You love it, don't you ?
Eh, really ?!
Lasagna?!
Yeah ?
Dr, let's have supper together
I guess I should.
So..., good night !
Eh
Lasagna ...

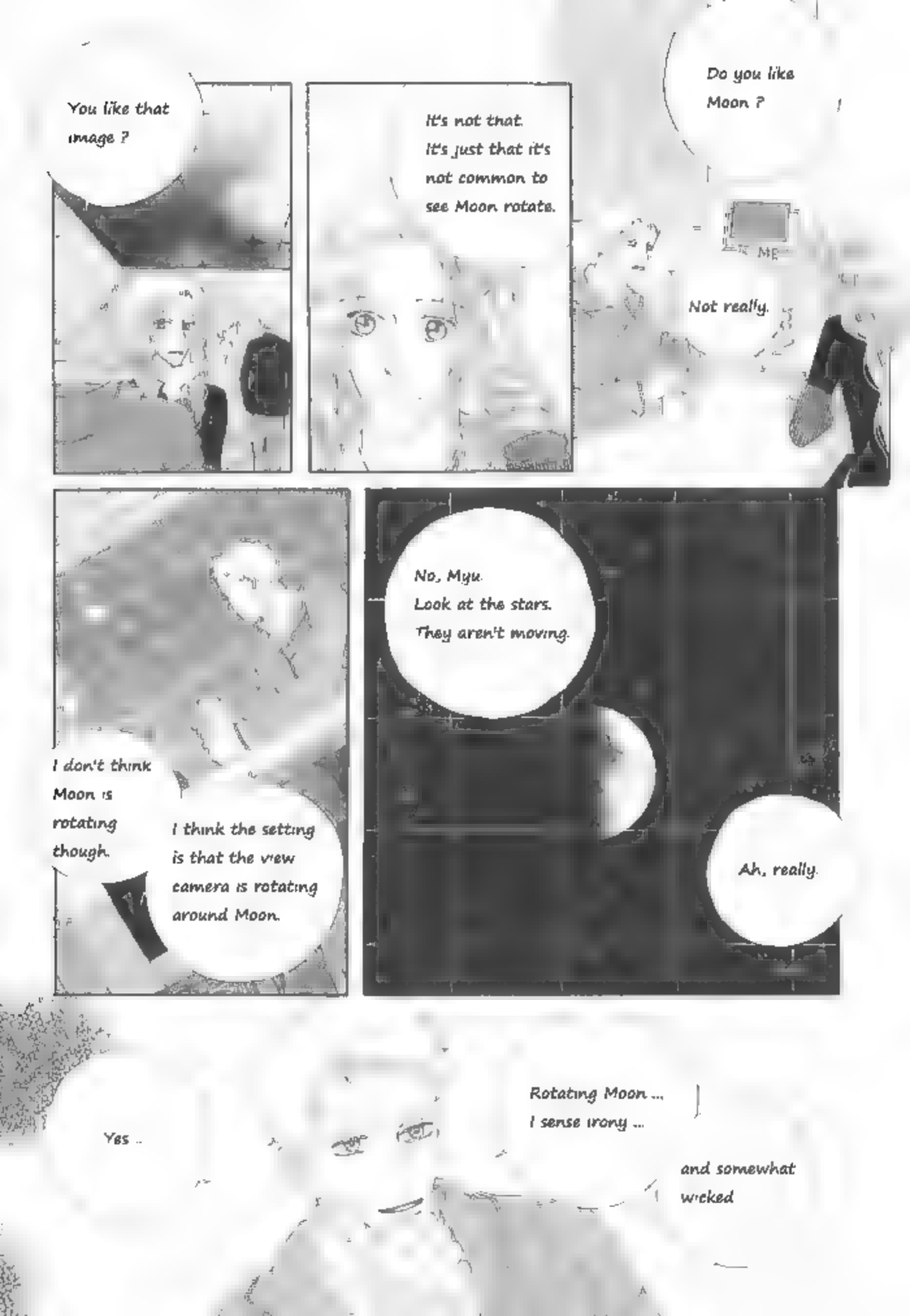
Haha
That was mean, captain.
Aren't you teasing Jion a little too much, captain.
You think so ?
I am getting a feeling that you are enjoying teasing him.
Coffee, captian.
Thanks, Reni.

... I looked at your resume and work history.
It appears that this is your first time doing space work.
Ahah ~
But to be honest, it does not look like this is your first time being in space.

You think so ?

What the -
No denial or anything at all ...
So, that means
Think however I want, huh ...

Ah !
Moon's the other side ..


You like that image ?
It's not that. It's just that it's not common to see Moon rotate.
Do you like Moon ?
=
ME
Not really.
I don't think Moon is rotating though.
I think the setting is that the view camera is rotating around Moon.
No, Myu. Look at the stars. They aren't moving.
Ah, really.
Yes ..
Rotating Moon ... I sense irony ...
and somewhat wicked

They probably wanted to show us
The other side of Moon.
Since we have no chance to see the other side of Moon unless we orbit Moon.
True ..
Moon always faces one side to Earth
Yes ..
"Diotima !"
"It's Luner eclipse !"

"We can figure out Moon's size by using the eclipse !"

Man kind ..

has been looking at Moon for thousands of years .

But it has been only roughly 150 years since we were able to look at the other side.

A long time ago, BC 240

There was a man who measured Moon's size.

Ah !

I learned about him .. What was his name ..

Aristarchos.
Aristarchos
Ah, yes !

He … *Hah* managed to measure Moon's size

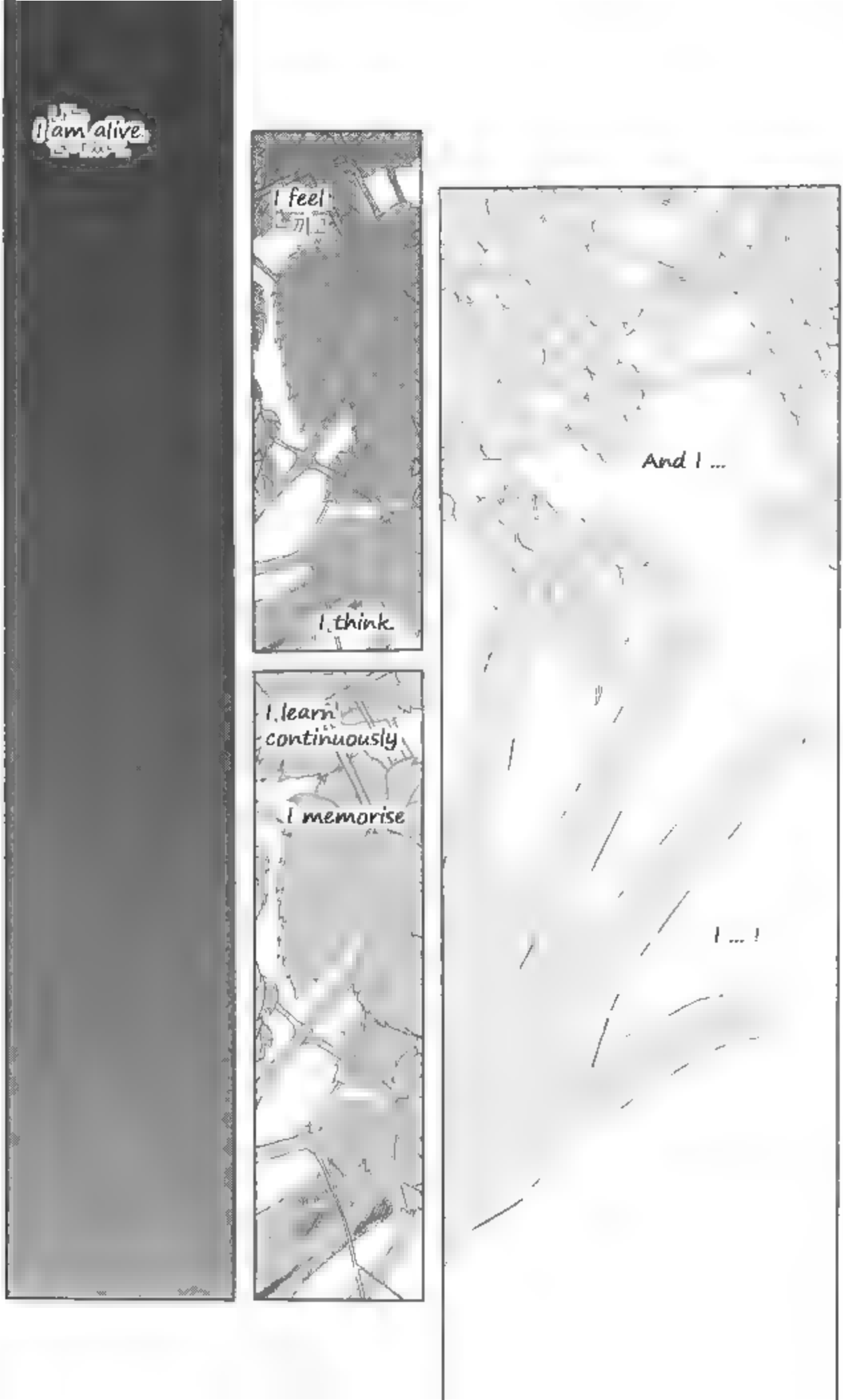
But, for his entire life, he had no way of knowing the other side.
Never knew true shape of Moon, either

If … someone If someone at that time
Even thought of wanting to see the other side of Moon

Mm even if someone did,
Even if wanted direly
They would have simply no way of achieving that

No matter how much man kind desires something ..
"Diotima ?"
There has been always a mountain which they are unable to climb ..
"Where are you?"
Diotima !

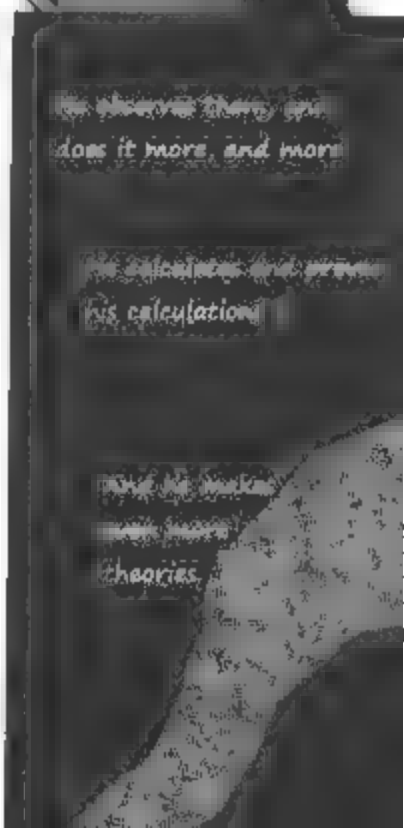
DIOTIMA


I am alive.
I feel
I think.
I learn
continuously
I memorise
And I ...
I ... !

Always
I want to know more -
Aristarchos
I've been calling you.
You were thinking something again, weren't you.
Diotima !

Ah
Anyway
It's eclipse, eclipse !
Hah?
With eclipse, I can figure out the distance to Moon ?
Distance ? How ?
First of all, I will need its diameter
Okay, okay, I will explain throughout.
Eclipse is
Moon passing Earth's shadow

Aristarchos does really love to think about this kind of stuff



Whether Earth is round or else,
I have not seen it with my own eyes.
But I can tell it is so after hearing Arisstarchos' explanations.
This is not a religion you simply believe.
This is "knowledge"
All of these are possible
Because Sun exists and it shadows its surroundings.
Because Sun is so unbelievably large, Earth's shadow becomes smaller
You can tell this from observing the eclipse.
Heh

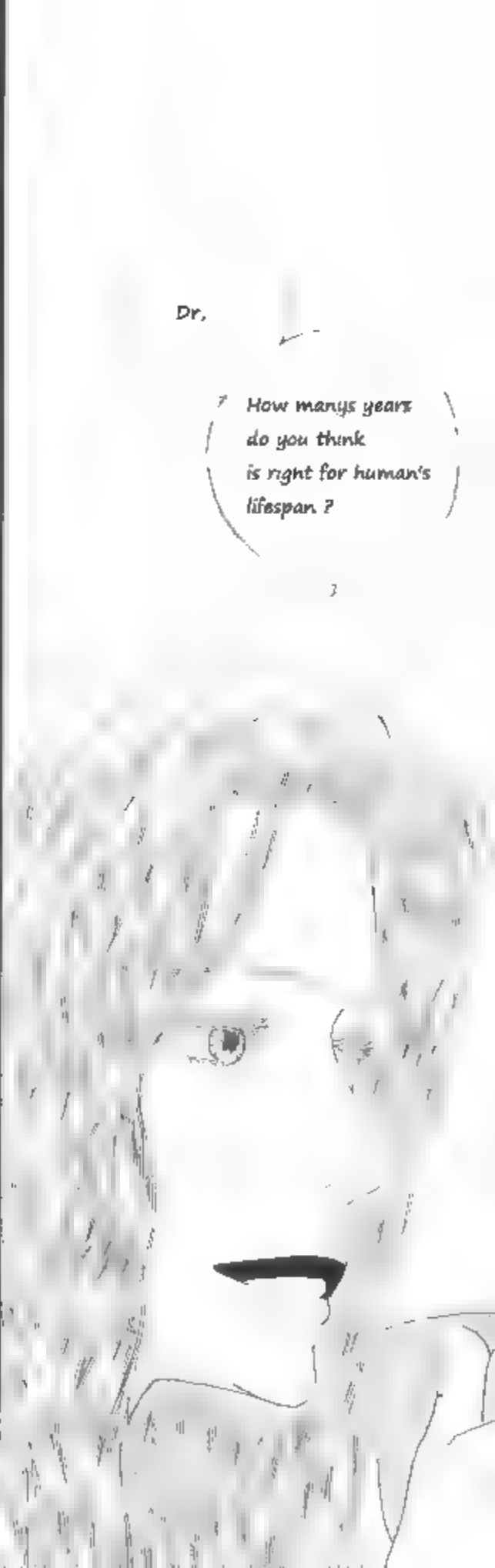
But with your method -
You won't be able to tell the exact size.
True ...
But that itself is big.
All you can probably come up with is Moon is x times size of Earth or something like that
But one day -
There might be new ways to get the exact size.
Or maybe
Someone else is already doing it ! The world is large.
You think so - ?
Well, that's fine, too.
The point is that someone has to find out

If I can't,
Somebody else will
If a father cannot do something,
His son might be able to.
If the son cannot do it, his son might be able to.
Human's knowledge can only be improved by generations.

Humans can't
live that long.
So, it is only
natural that one
cannot achieve
everything it wants in
its lifetime.
Aristarchos
You are right.
But, I cannot
smile as you
can.

The question "Why?"
"I want to know why"
Curiosity that fuels one's mind
However, no matter how hard i try
In the end, there are simply too many I can not find out.
Janine

Few tens of years
is simply not enough
to find out even a
portion of this universe !

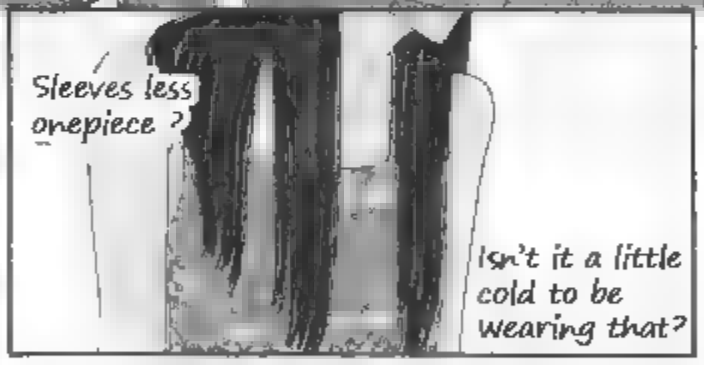

Dr,
How manys years
do you think
is right for human's
lifespan ?

Well
If you are talking about avg lifespan, it's been improving greatly during last two centuries.
Current avg is 80.
Compared to before BC where avg lifespan was 25 year-old..
At this rate -
Before we reach 23rd century.., avg will be around 100 years old.
God, everyone's living for so damn long.
But -
There is no rightful end line for lifespan really. We all live until we are unable to.
And living things try to live as much longer as possible.
Yes, true.
Besides, no matter how much one lives for
To understand the grand rules of the universe
It will be too short regardless.

Argh !
Lasagna, ah ...
I want to eat it so much when I started to think that I would be unable to eat "!
I want to eat !
I WANNA EAT!
Why do they have Lasagna only once every month ?!
A mont to wait .. if I don't get it today
Yet, Chinese food comes out weekly !
Don't they know how many crew are onboard? Why are the meal menu so simple anyway ?
Come to think of it, I've never seen even frozen Lasagna in station stores !

I should have eaten A LOT back on Earth. I swear I am going to make this suggestion on the next meeting.
Sir ..., would you like some coke ?
In the same boat.
If you want to eat Lasagna that much, why don't you go to the main cafeteria and have it wrapped?
!
If they do that, why don't they deliver as well ?
Well..., if they do that, everyone will ask for delivery
And even more men to hire .. as delivery men
Not to mention it costs a lot to be trained to be here...

I've never seen that girl before
A family member of a crew?
Hmm

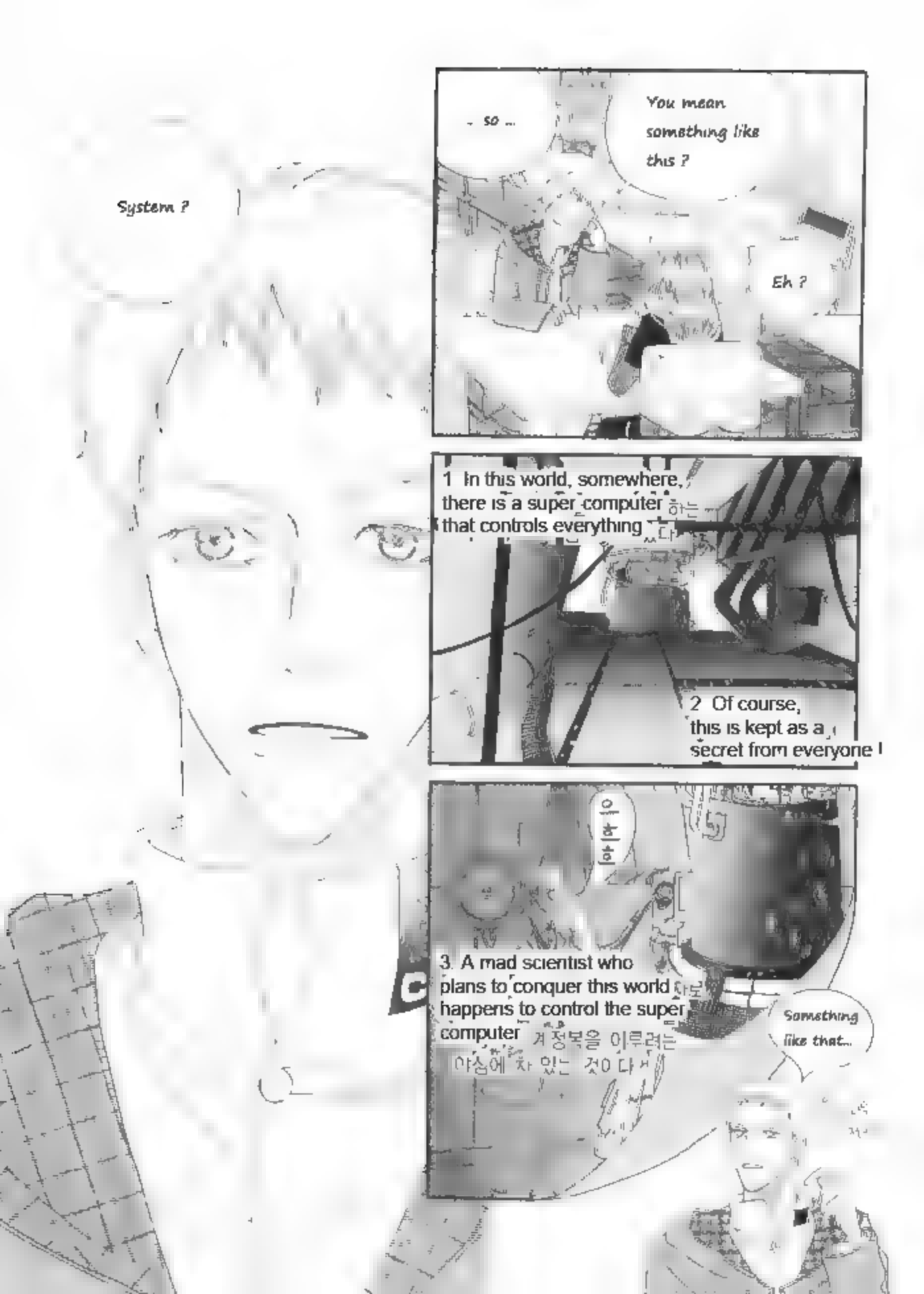

Sleeves less onepiece ?
Isn't it a little cold to be wearing that?

Well, I guess it's okay since she's wearing that.

Ah !
The captain
mania !
!
!
I heard it wrong, right?
Right ...
chuckle

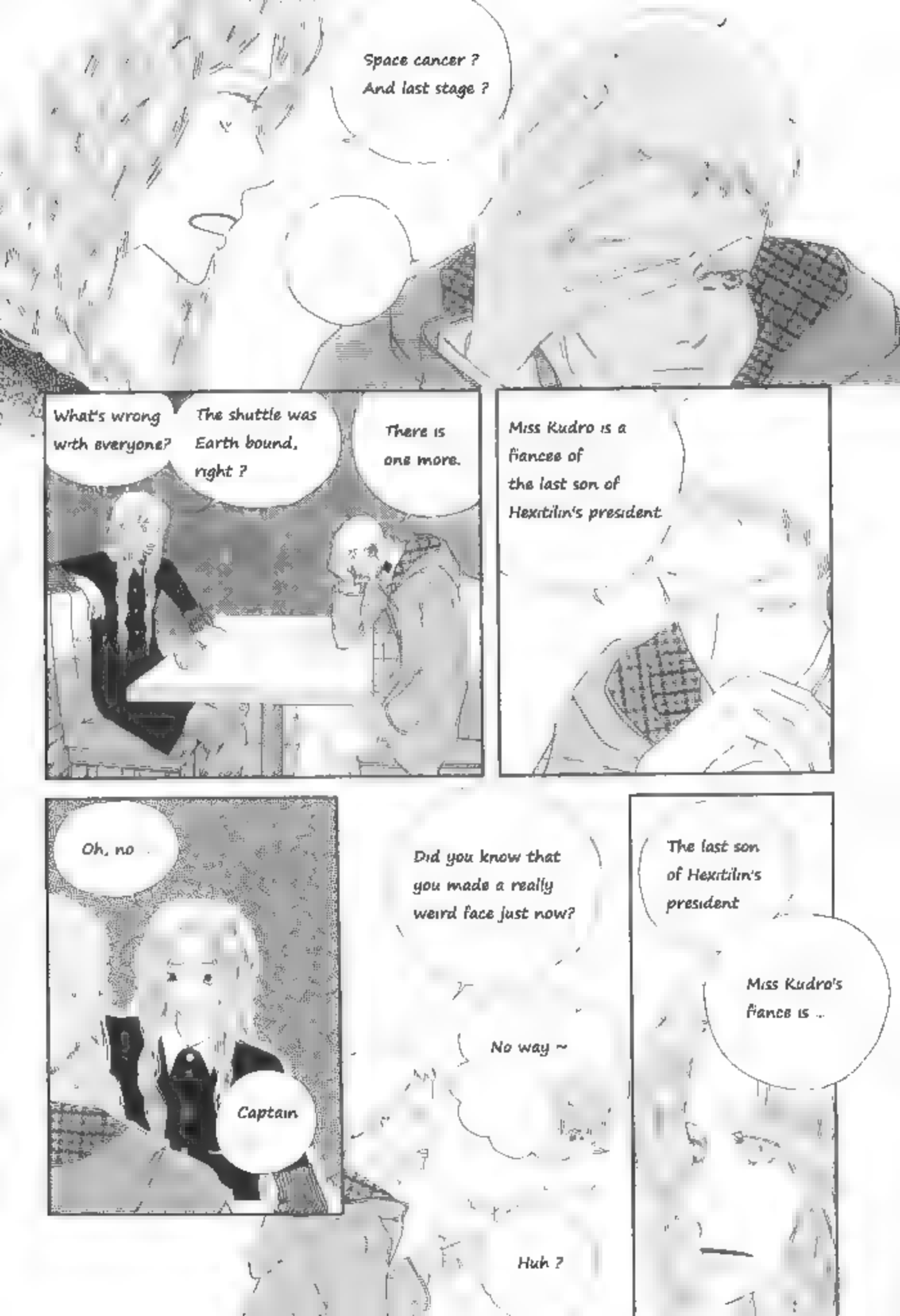
chuckle ... ?
So .., that was meant at me !
"The captain mania" ...?
What does that mean ?
No ...
I can tell what it means somehow ..
But why do I have to hear that?
Wait, why do I even need to hear that and chuckled by a girl ?
And the way she bellowed ..., it was almost as if she was very familiar with the term ..
Does that mean someone is spreading such a gossip ?

I am going to ask her
Who they think I am ? I am the vice captain!
You !
Hey !
Gone ? Already? That was fast
The world's


System ?
- so ...
You mean something like this ?
Eh ?
1 In this world, somewhere, there is a super computer 하는 that controls everything 다
2 Of course, this is kept as a secret from everyone !
으흐흐
3 A mad scientist who plans to conquer this world 라도 happens to control the super computer 계 정복을 이루려는 야심에 차 있는 것이다 서
Something like that..

I wasn't talking about that.
I know
I simply told you what hit my mind.
The world's system I am talking about is ...
Excuse me.
From low gravity area ?
Yes, this is Dr Galile.
Yes? result of miss Kudrow?

Yes ?
I see .
Is some thing wrong, doctor ?
Result of miss Kudrow's diagnostics .
Miss Kudrow ? You mean the young lady we rescued from the shuttle .
Yes, her
She has space cancer
And it's in the last stage.


Space cancer ?
And last stage ?
What's wrong with everyone?
The shuttle was Earth bound, right ?
There is one more.
Miss Kudro is a fiancee of the last son of Hexitilin's president
Oh, no
Captain
Did you know that you made a really weird face just now?
No way ~
Huh ?
The last son of Hexitilin's president
Miss Kudro's fiance is ..

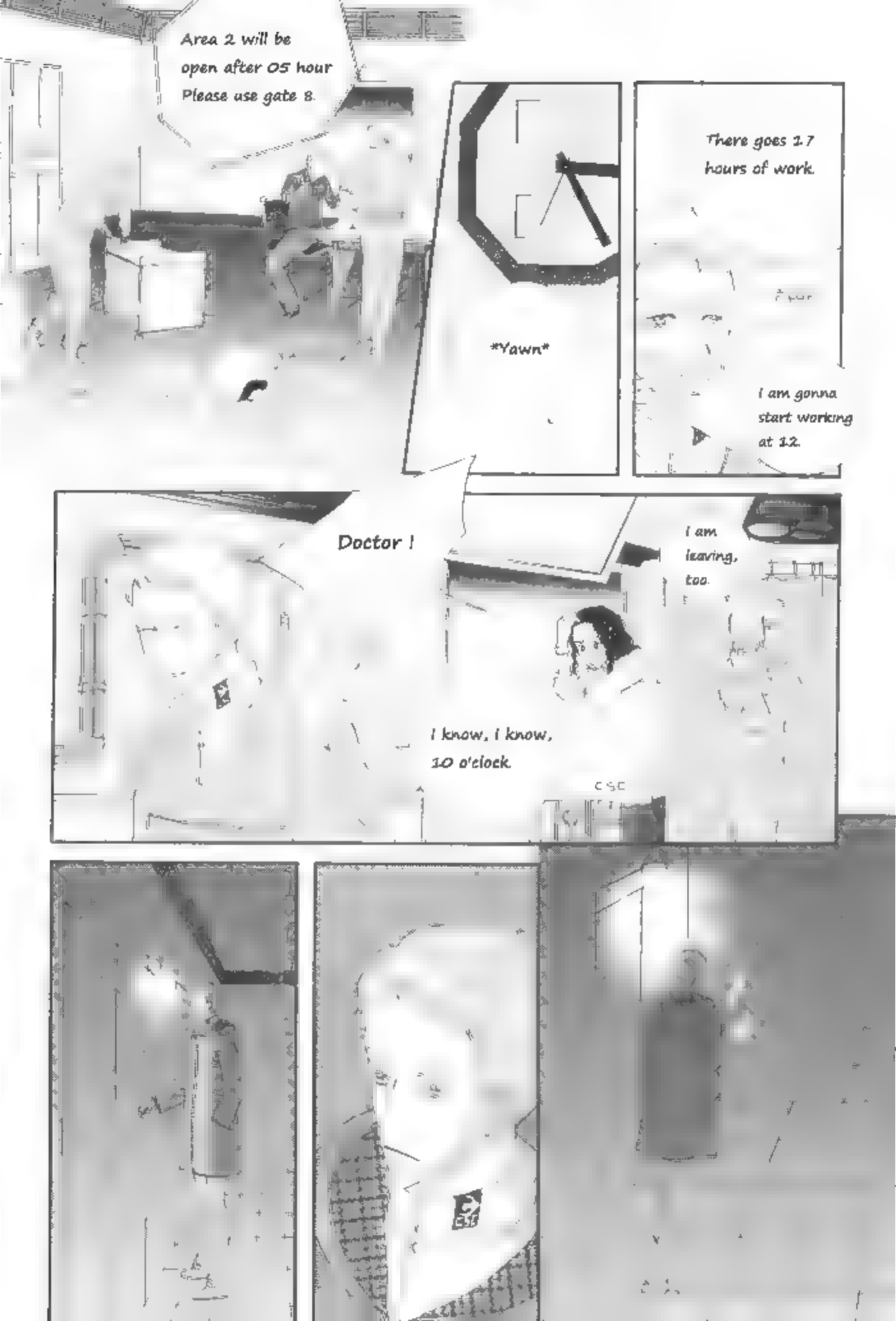
Epolide Kan Maxwell is scheduled to head for this station soon
By his own shuttle
Oh, no
Again
I am going to low gravity area after visiting medical center
Yes, hurry.
And about Jron ...

Ah ..
Nevermind.
I will talk to him directly.
Very well.
Yes ?!
Special menu is until 19 We ran out of ingredients anyway.
The last one was sold just 10 minutes ago.
No way I should have run !
Work until 22
Indo food ?
Vice captain !

Come over and join us.
It's still warm.
What's this ?!
Lasagna, extra large.
The captain brought it here.
!
She left it here about 5 minutes ago.
She did ?
It's really big, isn't it ?
Come on, have some.
Yeah.
It's no good when it gets cold.

Ah, and
You don't need to visit low gravity area later
Why would I anyway ?
A female passenger we rescued turned out to be a space cancer patient
What was more shocking was that
She was fiancee of the last son of Hexitilin's president
Hexitilin ?!
Really ?
Yes, so
The son is coming here as soon as possible.
He won't get here until at least midnight though.
She told you to just leave work at 22.
She said she'd take care of matters down there.

Yeah, I am narrow-minded.
Maybe, I was a little too harsh .. just because she played some game ..
Damn it, this tastes really good.
He's sooo easy to read.


Area 2 will be open after 05 hour Please use gate 8.
Yawn
There goes 17 hours of work.
I am gonna start working at 12.
Doctor !
I am leaving, too.
I know, I know, 10 o'clock.

P
P
P
Who's here
at this hour?
It's me, Jon.

What brings you here at this hour ?!
It's 3 am !
You were awake, so why would it matter ?
Besides, we are in space. AM & PM do not matter
Oh ~, you were studying.
I have to complete a theory essay by end of this month.

Take it easy, boy.
Besides, that's your hobby, no?
Sure ~
Hey, Jion !
Hey !
Dude !
Answer if a friend calls ya.
So ~
What the hell do you want
The Moon boy we rescued today.

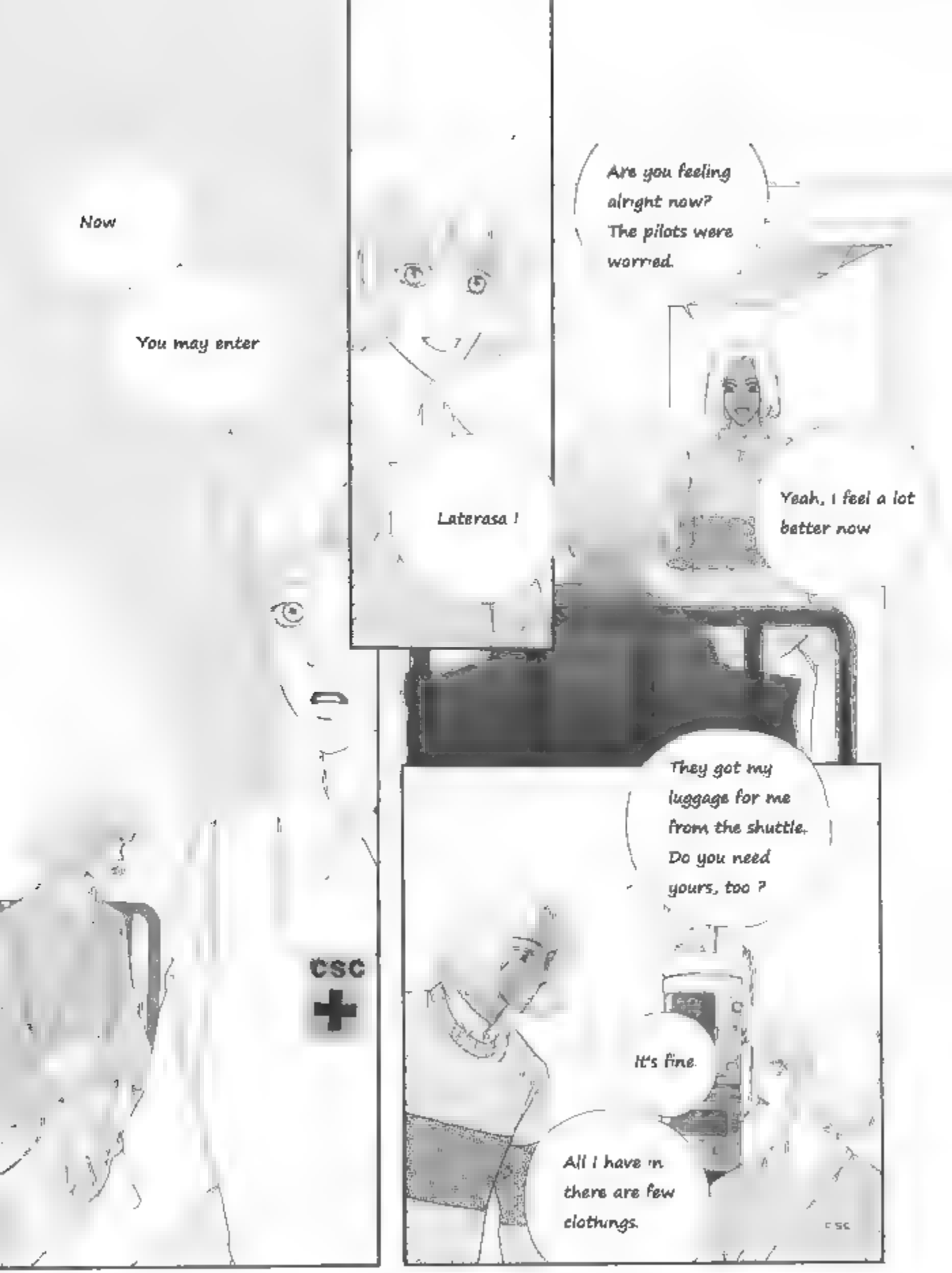
I think ...
He was kidnapped.
What?!
When did he disappear ?
No, no.
The reason he was in the shuttle was because he was kidnapped.
What I am saying is, someone kidnapped him
Put him in the shuttle and send him to Earth.
For what ?

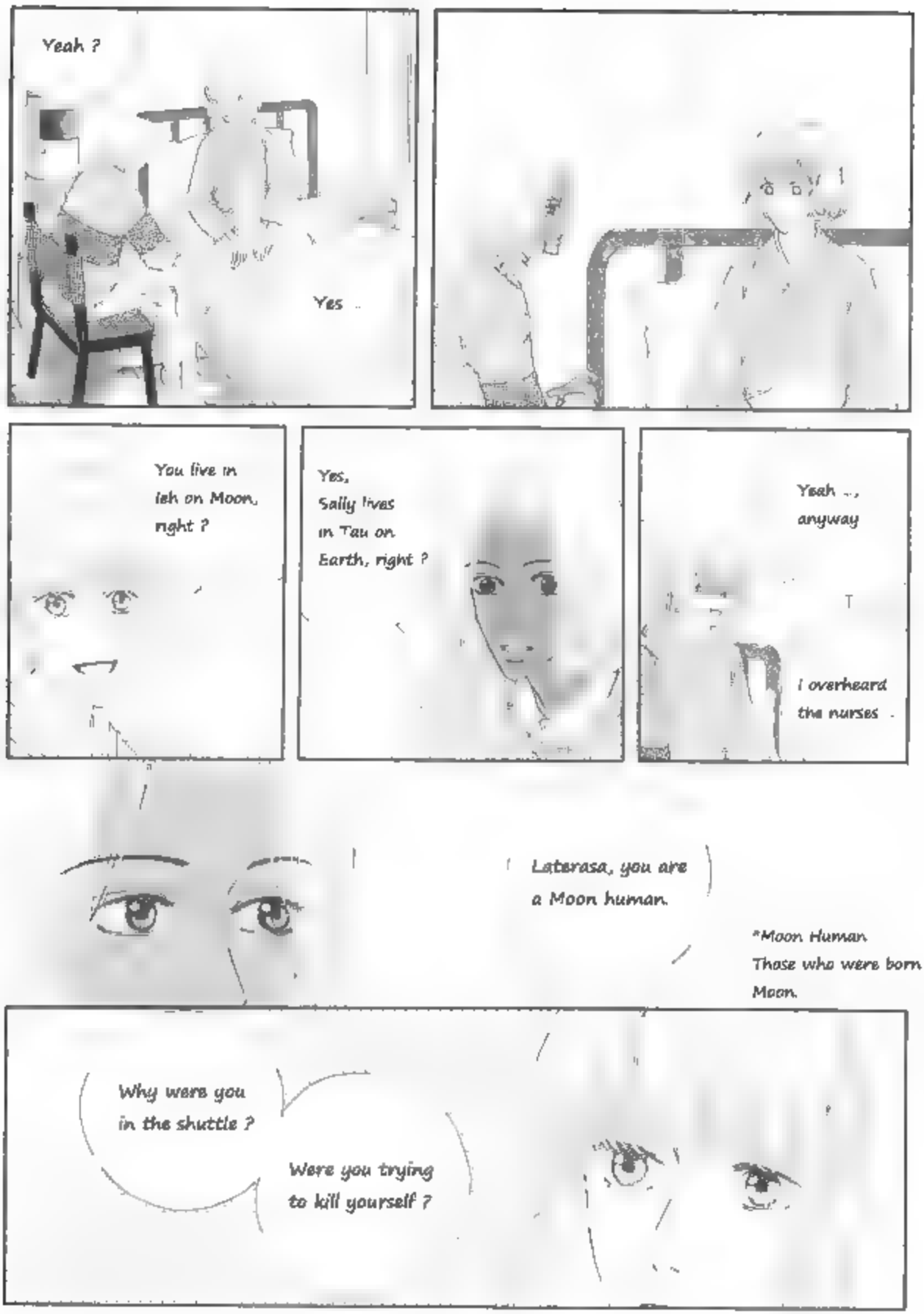
How the hell would I know ?
...
Four police officers came and they are acting weird.
Hexitilin's people came along as well.
Shouldn't I be there ? I am the vice captian.
I thought you didn't have much time left for your homework.
True -
It should be fine since the captain is there.
Yeah ?
Oh, yeah, Jion !
Yeah?

What pops in your head when you think about the world's system ?
What ?
The world's system ... ?
Once the world is computerized
1 The world is controlled by a secret super computer
2 However, the ones that control the system are villains. (rest's the same).
Ah
We are indeed good friends
Yeah ? Yeah ? Think so ?
Feels they share something in common
Hey, Myu, you lived on Moon before, no ?
What does "Laterasa" mean ?
Laterasa ?
Ya

It's the boy's name.
I know, but as Moon language -
"Moon's the other side"
It also means a place Earthuans can never see from Earth.
So, in other words, Moon's the other side.
Why ask
For no reason.
Well, I had a short conversation about Moon's the other side with the captain earlier
What does "Diotima" mean ?
Diotima ?
A name ? What more do you want ?
Evolving soul, it means
Hey, what ask when you know the answer ?
For - no reason.

"Laterasa" is a common word on Moon, so no big deal there.
But I've never heard about Diotima before.
A soul that evovles ?
An evolving soul ?
Ah, it's here !
What is it ?
Diotima's photo.
He was employed by Hexitilin, so I didn't bother looking there.
So, I searched newspapers and science magazines.
Look !
This must be him !


Now
You may enter
Laterasa !
Are you feeling alright now? The pilots were worried.
Yeah, I feel a lot better now
They got my luggage for me from the shuttle. Do you need yours, too ?
It's fine.
All I have in there are few clothungs.
CSC


Yeah ?
Yes ..
You live in Ieh on Moon, right ?
Yes, Sally lives in Tau on Earth, right ?
Yeah .., anyway
I overheard the nurses .
Laterasa, you are a Moon human.
*Moon Human
Those who were born on Moon.
Why were you in the shuttle ?
Were you trying to kill yourself ?

No way .
I just .
Wanted to set my feet on Earth for once .
If you went there, you would have died !
I am an Earthian who immigrated to Moon.
So, I may suffer for a month, but my body will adapt

But, if Moon humans gets to Earth, they will die quickly !
Gravity on Earth is too much for Moon humans !
Aren't you in the same boat as me though ..
!

찰칵
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찰칵
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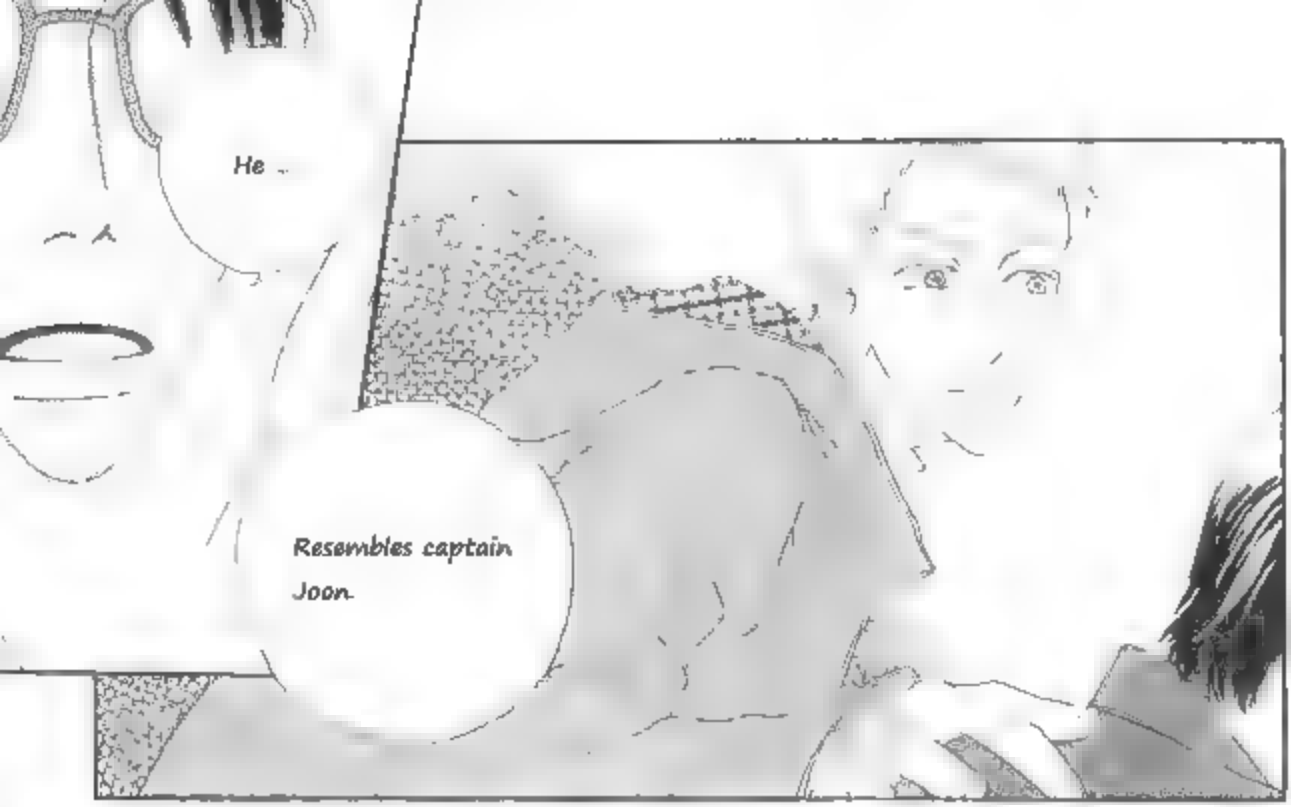
Next !
Dude, next
Stop zooming in.
Let me read the
content

gotta have the ground"

찰칵
This 36 year-old captain of a manned satellite, John H Sewall, is more known as Diotima ..
Uh?!
Diotima wasn't his real name ?
Of course, not.
Meh ..
What ?
I was just wondering why I am digging the past ..
He's just a dead guy from 26 years ago !
He isn't just a dead guy.

Right -
He did save the president.
Yep, and if he didn't, this station would not be here.
No sane man will place this thing in space.
And I would have not become "Vice captain"
Right -, you'd have become some sorry T.A.
With a small paycheck
This man ... feels very nice.


He ..
Resembles captain Joon.

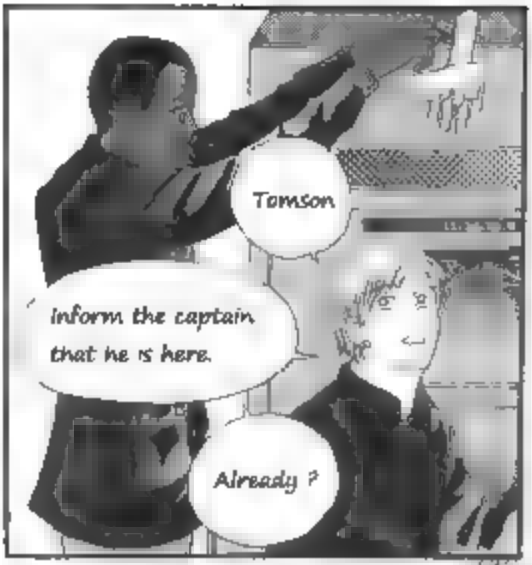
How ?
Where ?
How in the world ?
Hey, stop !

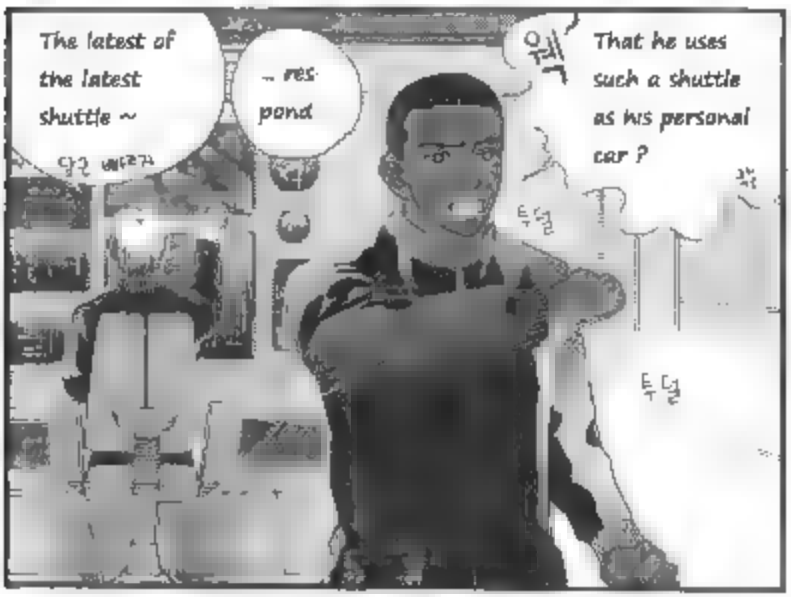
He doesn't actually .. I just that I felt that he reminded me of her
He does look like a nice guy, but he looks nothing like her
Yes

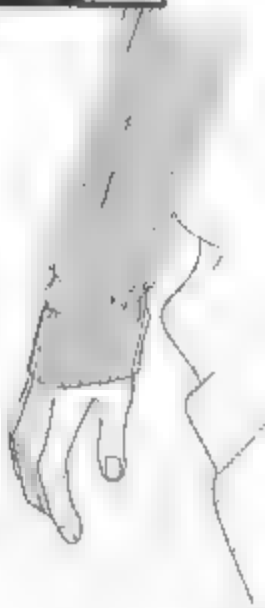
Though that picture, that one with him smiling doesn't he look familiar ?
Now that you said .., I think so a little
I get the same feelings

When I saw her for the first time ..
That strange assurance ..
Why am I feeling the same sensations from this man as well ?!
Why ?!
And yet strong aura of loneliness ...
And lingering longing ?
Such mysterious sensations
삐이익-!
This is Hexitilin AV 92 satellite
Our current loc is .. ME 83.247... PT coord is ..

Docking all green.
Gate is #2.
Elevator activated.


Tomson
Inform the captain that he is here.
Already ?


The latest of the latest shuttle ~
~ respond
That he uses such a shuttle as his personal car ?



Marilyn, where is the captian ?
Over there.

Captain
Hm... huh?
What is it ?
Here.. handkerchief
I've been just informed that Mr Maxwell's shuttle has docked.
Ah !
I was drooling again ?
Already ?! I was going to take some nap .
He's got the newest shuttle.
Good night, Sally.
Thanks. Laterasa.

Did you see Sally Kudrow?
Yes.
See you later.
Diotima.

You are Diotima, aren't you ?
Mr Maxwell !
You should wear an air-filter helmet from here !

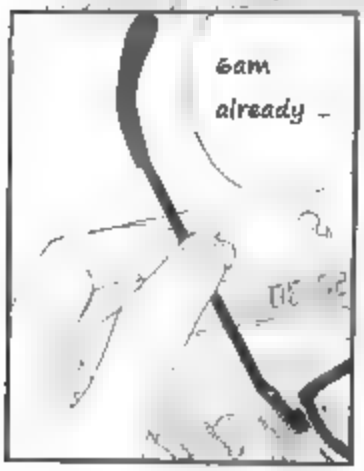
Here ...
It's only 100m, but harmful substance may be in air
They can't power the whole station ?
And what is this ? This is literally an Octopus helmet
Where is design in this ?
투덜 투덜
Hmph, it's made by CSC, right
Still, please wear it
Let's go !
Yes !
See? I told you it does look like an Octopus head
We all know that our company is old fashioned.
Why are you calling me Diotima ?

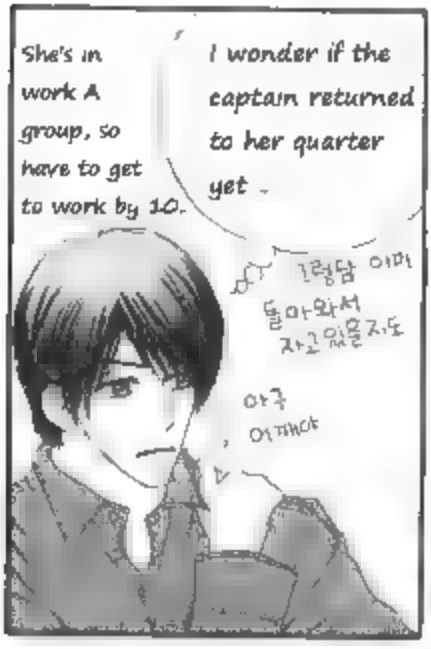
Hah ?
Were you saying that to me ?
But you are ...
My name is Namer Joon.
나머 준
Ok, alright
You are captain Joon

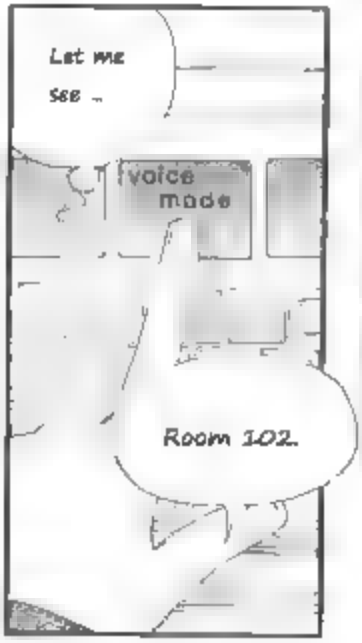
But ..
Please don't pretend that you don't know Arthur whom you met on the other side of Moon 26 years ago.
Arthur ?
.. He was a technician for a Moon glass factory

Oh !
You mean you are ..
I am his grand son.

I see.
Nice to meet you.



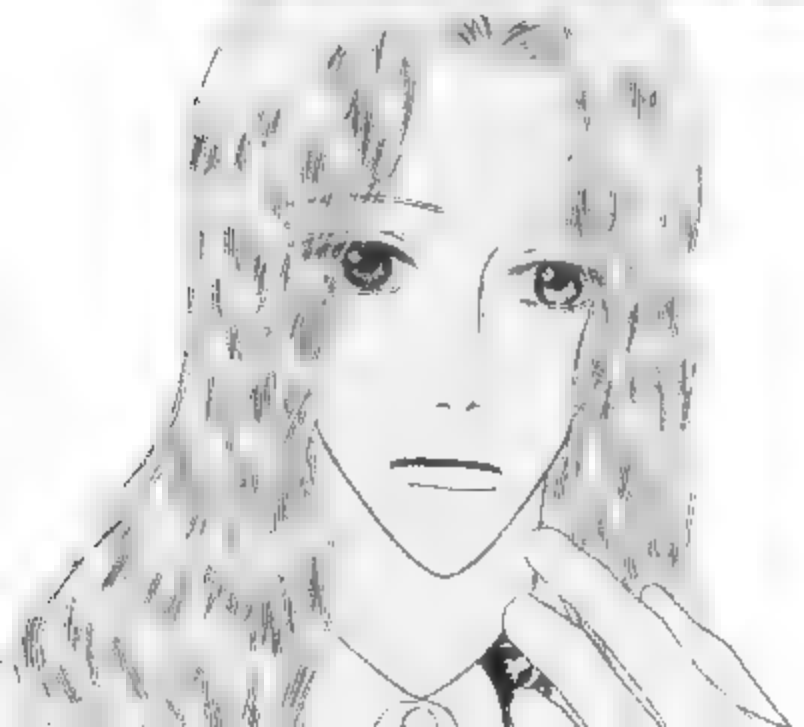




She's still awake ?!

Call her ?
It's lucky that Indian Joe didn't see me !

Did you think he'd show up in middle of night ?
Huck, do you wanna go fishing today ?
So ... tired .
But I have to get to work by 10, so it may be better staying up and
Sleep in the sick bay ..
But then Jion will go berserk on me
But his work time is different.
I may be safe for few hours.
Or just sleep on a sofa in the captain's room ?
But . sleeping on a sofa hurts.



"Grandfather talked a lot about you, Diotima."

He repeatedly told me that he met a person with an evolving soul on the other side of Moon

You recognized me Does that mean you also have

Yes.

Four again ..

Four people again.

Arthur died.

So, there are four left who

But if ..

Just if ..

There are more ..

R R R
Jion ?
What's up at this hour ?
Eh ..
When did you finish your work ?
About 30 minutes ago.
Why didn't you sleep ..
You must be tired ..
Eh..
You are planning to sleep during work time again.
Don't sleep in the sickbay.
The captain's room is as far as I will allow.

Ah !
Just making sure.
I am NOT letting you sleep during work because of the lasagna !
Yep !
This has nothing to do with lasagna.
Nope.
Would you like some coffee ?
No, thanks.
I am going to bed soon.
Yes .
Going to bed, eh .
What's this ?
Ah
A movie, movie ~
A movie ?

It's over a hundred year old. It's called "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"
Ah, I know it.
Mark Twain's novel, right ?
I enjoyed reading it when I was a kid.
I love this movie, so I sometimes watch it
I see
Look, that boy under that tree is Tom.
His voice is pretty cute.
Hey, Huck.

When both of us leave this world
Let us make even priests be fond of or lives.
Let us live
Very, very, meaningful lives !
Eh . ?
Did the novel have such lines ?
It's been too long. I can't remember

Um -
Captain.
Thank you for the lasagna.
It was really good.
And thanks for thinking about me being weak to low gravity.
The truth was that this job assignment was so fast and sudden
So, I've been somehow nervous.
Besides, for everyone else, including me, it's their first time in space.
So, everyone is somewhat nervous

After you came here, the overall mood has become a lot better
드르렁
Of course, you tend to sleep a little too much. But -
드르렁
Captain ?

- Good night.
으차
Not heavy at all
Despite of her above avg height, she's way too skinny
I guess it may be pretty hard to keep up with the work in this condition ...
Captain

Still, you shouldn't be late.
I will send a morning call 3 hours later Wake up by then.
← 이런 성격
Sweet dreams.
← get off
탁
아 나
Without anyone's awareness

I've walked on for over two thousand years.
"Hey ! Suka what are you doing?"
"Carving my name "
"What?"
"I am writing my name!"
But when I look back -
There is no trace.
But on the other side of moon -
where there is no wind -
I told you before !
I said that I'd write my name on the surface as soon as I get here !

You are really doing it.
Suka ! Let us take a picture !
I am sending this to Earth right away!
Even after millions of years and more
It is there..., right there.
Yep, there is no air here.
Unless someone deletes it, it will be here forever, right ?
The little traces will be there?
Yahoo ~ ! All done !
Even after millions of years, it will still be there : my trace of lives.

제3화 생명의 레퀴엠 (1)

Requiem of life (1)

Why ?!
Why not ?!
I am Sally's fiance !
It's been 4 days and I can't even see her ?!
What is your real reason for not letting me meet her ?!

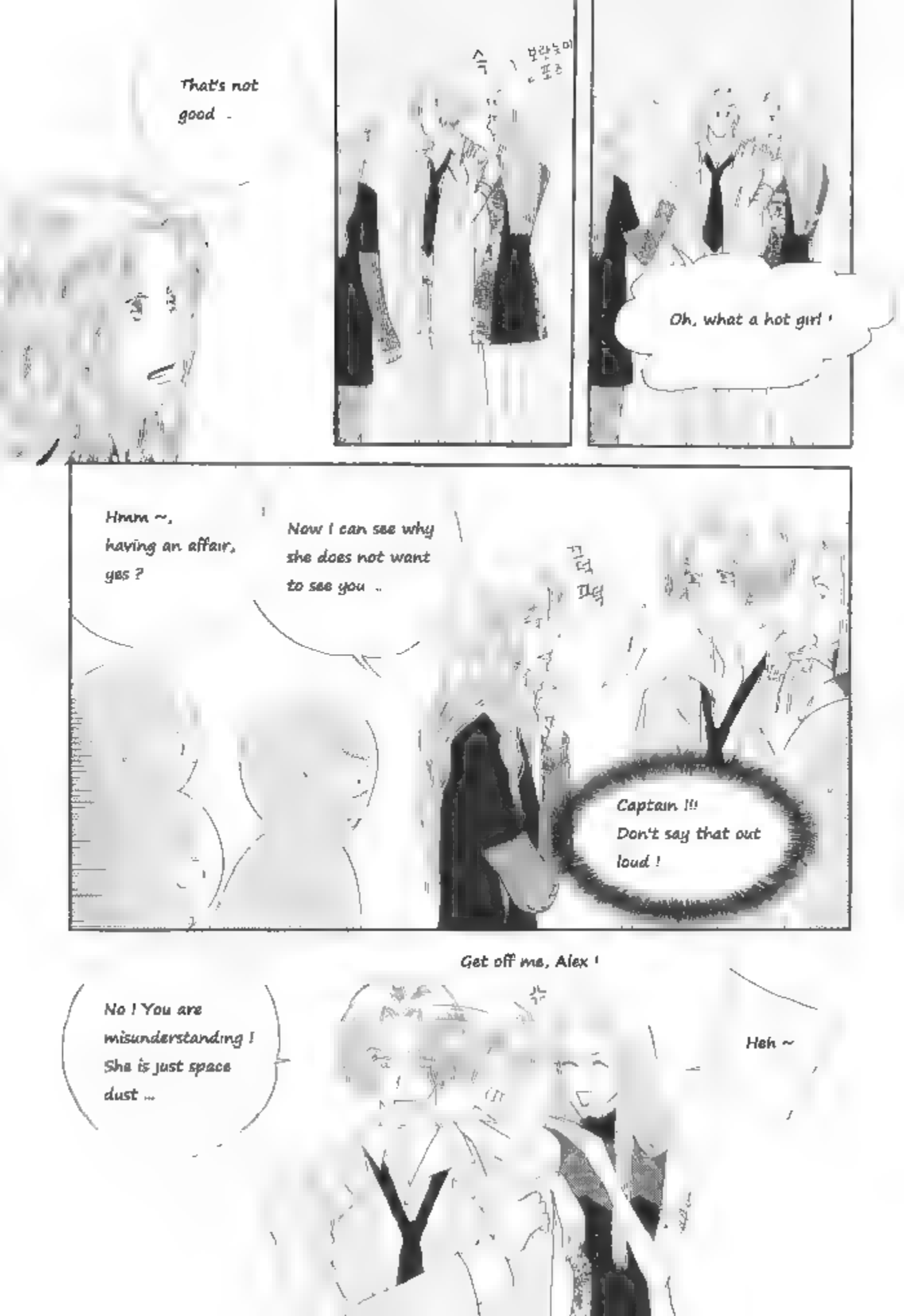
That's because miss Kudrwo does not wish to see you.
딱
부러지게
Whom?
You.
What are you talking about ?!
No way !
That's the truth.
정말
Damn it !
Just who you think I am ?!
Are you looking down on me ?!
Epolide !
Stop !
You are making yourself look dumb !

This voice ..
She does not want to see you. That's that. Why bother ?
You are a playboy, Epolide, so act like one.
Let her be !
Ohhh ! Nice girl !
Why are you here ..
To see you ~ and to stop you from rampaging.
Shut up and get away from me !
Are you really sure you want to say that ?

If you keep acting like that, I have a plan ~
Hmm ~
Woohoo ~
10 seconds
His fiancee is dying due to space cancer, and he is kissing a hot woman ..
Th... this is a clear evidence of an affair !

Stop already !
It was you who started !
Grrr !
휙
Ever since I arrived, I've been waiting in that room !
Seriously, did you even tell her that I am here ?!
From what I've heard, it's not like she is in a critical condition.
You are lying that she is refusing to see me, right ?
Sally must not be kept in this 3rd rate medical facility !
She needs to be transferred to Hexitilin's hospital !

What a noisy guy ... If it weren't for his social status, I would have ...
But if I really do that, this can get very ugly, so ..
What is going on ?
Ah ! Captain !
Um
Please do something.
He's really pissed.
Ah ..
It's about Sally not wanting to see you, right ?
Yes.
I've been refused even today.
Good, he seems to be weak against the captain.
Even today?
Yes.
Oh, dear
I've been waiting for 4 days !
Phew..
And all I've been told is that I cannot see her !


That's not good .
Oh, what a hot girl !
Hmm ~, having an affair, yes ?
Now I can see why she does not want to see you ..
Captain !!! Don't say that out loud !
Get off me, Alex !
No ! You are misunderstanding ! She is just space dust ...
Heh ~

So, you are the administrator Joon.
You seem as interesting as the rumors say.
Oh, really ? People say about me ?
I have a pretty good personality.
She sounds serious.
I suppose Sally is in a special room ?
Who does she think is paying for that room ?
She's poor anyway !
Alex !
Bills will be charged to Epolide any way !
Yet, she makes him wait for days and days.

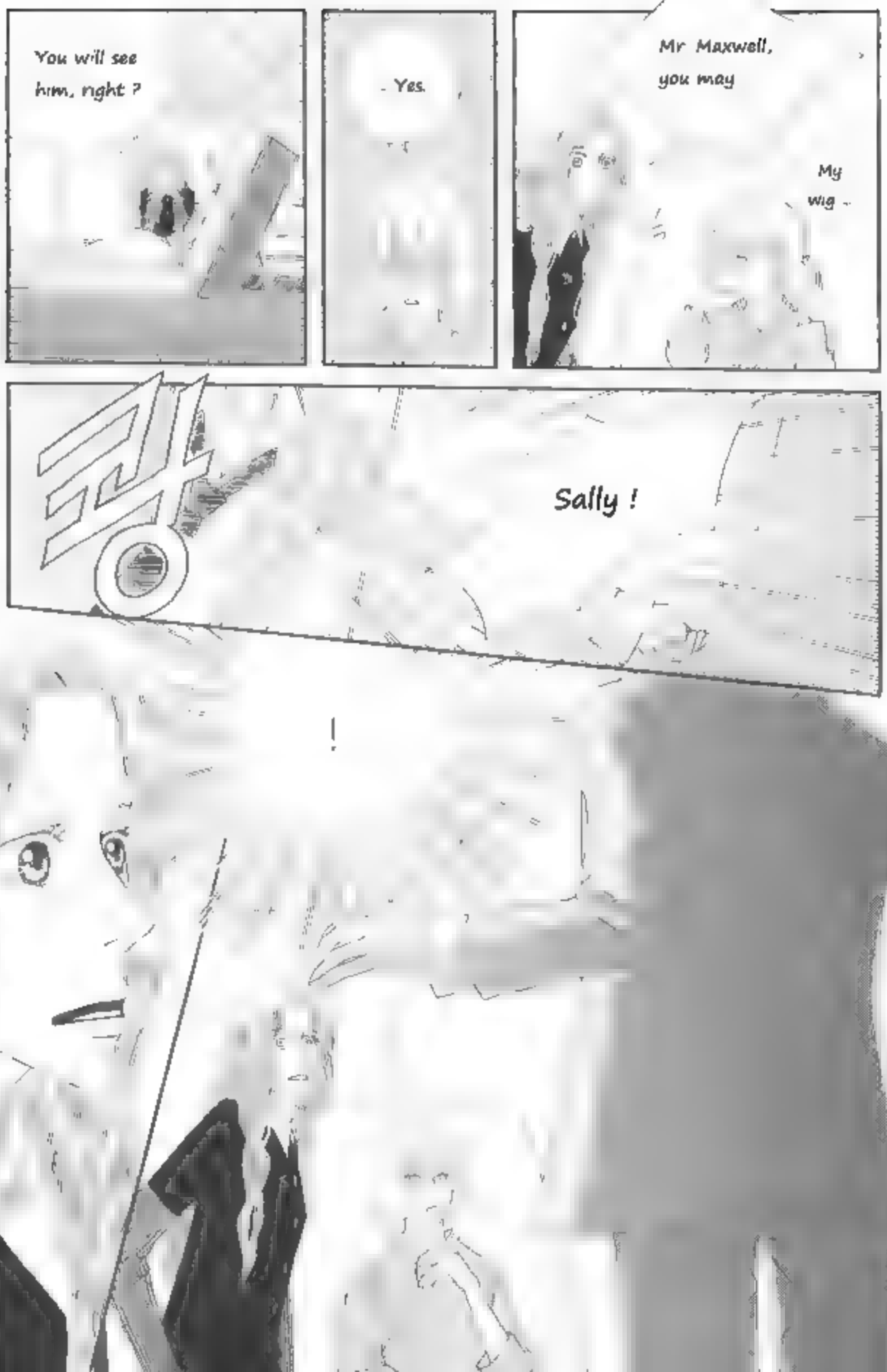
This is NOT something a fiancee should do to her fiance who gave up on his schedules !
Say that to Sally.
IGNORE HER PLEASE !!!
Mr Maxwell, come with me.
Where is miss kudrow?
Took MRI in morning and ..

Wait here.
Sally is in there ?
Yes, but only enter when I say so.
Admin Joon !
Sorry, but I could not find Mississippi river image disk
So, I brought you this instead.
What is it ?

It's a cinema disk, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"
Wow!
You will see Mississippi river in there.
Thank you, admin.
You are very kind.
But... will this work on this window screen ?
Of course ! That's why I brought it.
I will watch it later
Miss Kudrow
Your fiance .
He is behind that door right now.

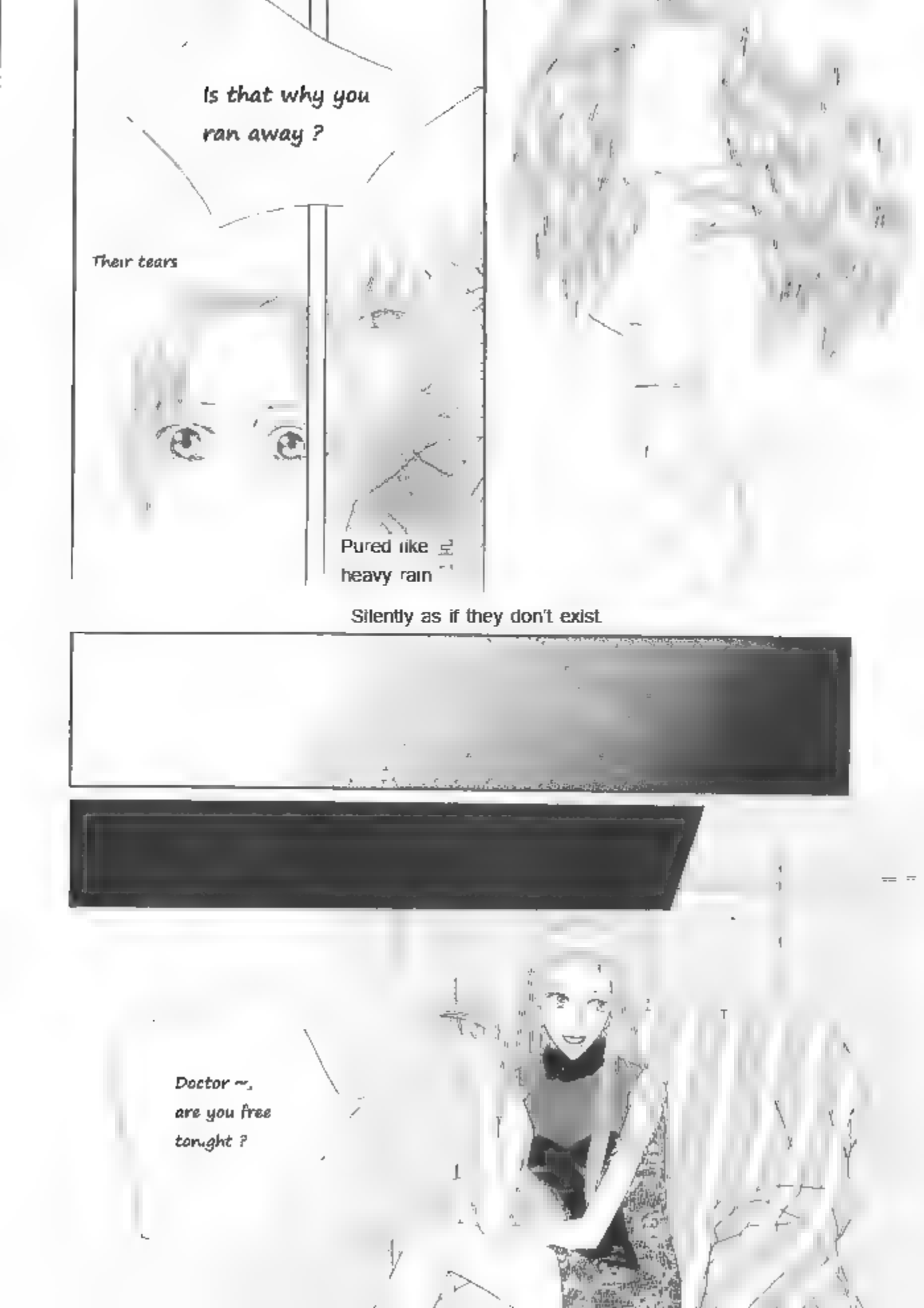
I don't want to see him ,
I said.
Should I make him go back then ?
Behind that door
He is right there.
Will you really really refuse to see him ?

Epolide .
I ..
Right behind that door ..
I don't deserve to see him.
What to do now ?
You see .
He's been denied to see you for few days and finally
He rampaged, so I had no choice but to bring him here.
I felt like handing him over to the local police
N.., no !
Well, that was just my wishful thinking.
If I really did that, it would have caused some troubles with Hextilin.
Ah. , yes, Hextilin and CSC don't get along .


You will see him, right ?
- Yes.
Mr Maxwell, you may
My wig -
Sally !
!

Sally !
Uh oh, he ..
is he going to .. ?
But .. she's
ill ..
Epolide

You .
Did you really .
Did you really not want to see me ?


Is that why you ran away ?
Their tears
Pured like heavy rain
Silently as if they don't exist
Doctor ~, are you free tonight ?

Yes ?
When do you get off work ? Dinner?
I think I will just sleep after my work is over I haven't slept well past two days .
I am sorry.
How can he refuse a woman like me ?!
Sleepy..

Let's see .. who else fits my taste ..
180cm +
feminine face +

Oh, over there is one !
He is the vice admin 「right? Good enough ~
Have you had dinner yet, sir ?

No, not yet
Good ~ would you like to have dinner with me ?
Eh ..
I am sorry, but I have a lot of works to do.
!
Is .. that so .. ?
Food in low gravity area sucks so bad.
Besides, tonight's menu is seafood in normal gravity area ~
Can be mean if food's involved
Moon inhabitant, not allowed to enter normal gravity area.
Refused twice in row ... Are men in this station blind ?
Hey, Myu, why did you refuse the girl ?
If I were you, I'd take her
Well ..., let's say that my fantasy about pretty women have long vanished.
Because of .. well ..
I won't name her
Besides I am really tired.

Don't cry.
Don't cry, Epolide ..
Sorry ..
I am sorry ..
I am so sorry ..

So, did he get to meet Sally ?
Ah !
The beautiful girl earlier !
Heh ~
My name is Alex. Though I don't mind referred as such.
Okay, Alex.
Heh !
I bet he is crying his eyes out, eh ?
Oh, bingo !
EIGGH!

Have you have dinner ?
Would you like to have dinner with me ?
We are pretty girls.
Yes ~
No, not yet
Why -
Are you so sorry ?
This -
And for many other - things.

Then why did you sneak out on me !
Why did you take a shuttle to Earth ?!
Did you want to die ?!
It's not that ..
Epolide !
Epolide ..
If it's not that, then what the hell was it ?!
Why did you do this ?!
You would not know
Every single day is very precious !
I want to be with you until the very last moment !
You would not understand !!

Why ... !
No, perhaps ...
I missed you, too, Epolide.
But .. I didn't have time to explain ..
No one would understand
It's a week, right ..
For how long a space cancer patient can live on Earth .

It depends on lot of factors .. , but, yes, 7 dyas to 10 days ..
Hmm
I herd that it is due to difference in gravity.
That and
From the latest studies, it seems that
Earth's Magnetic field plays an important role as well.
Magnetic field ...
How often do you get checkups?
Once every month ?
Once every 2 weeks. It's a good rule.
The law is once per month though.
Has anyone gotten space cancer yet ?
This station hasn't been open for even 15 days.

And this station has 3m thick of soil layer around the hull, so it blocks most of Sun's rays.
I guess being big has its advantages.
Yes, but it's so big that we can't power it all properly.
Oh -
Solar energy isn't cutting it.
And we started using nuclear since 2 days ago.
Sally ...
Why did she want to go back to Earth?
She won't be able to do anything.
As soon as she enters the orbit, her cancer cells will spread rapidly.
And she will die just like that in a week !

Miss Kudrow has received proper gravity training, it seems.
Yes ?
It's obvious, but you shouldn't be on Earth bound shuttle without proper gravity training. Otherwise, you won't be able to move.
I don't know what she was thinking.
But I suppose she has her reasons wanting to go back to Earth.
Even if that means reducing what is left of her life by 10 times.

Epolide ...
I am sorry ..
I didn't want to burden you anymore.
No way !
You'd NEVER be my burden!
But whenever you see me being treated ..
You suffer and get hurt.
So ..
I feared that you'd be drained of your life
while I fade away.
Ahah, I am speaking lies.

I am speaking lies ..
You see, Epolide.
Honestly, I could care less about
Your heart being burnt as you watch me die slowly.
You having to suffer by seeing me fade away.
I could care less. You love me and that is love.
It's not like it's long.
3 months ... It's less than 100 days I could live ...

Time will pass so fast that you will likely forget that you suffered.
Even so... being totured by shortening time ...
And having to inevitably count my last days ...
I still want to be with you.
Until the day comes ...
when I close my eyes as if falling asleep ...
How wounderful would that be ?

Like that, I would love to be your companion even in dreams.
And die like that.
But Epolide !
What has gotten into me ?!
I love you so much but
Something bigger... has caught me vividly !

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